



The Portsmouth Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services (PDBHS) Advisory Board held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1811 King Street, at 4:30pm in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Members Present

Paul Bell, Chair
Dr. Marie Shepherd, Vice Chair
Denise Key
Margaret Mills
Katrina Drew

Absent Members

Dorescia Paige, Secretary
Pastor Milton Blount

Staff Present

Elaine Breathwaite, Director
Cherie Lassiter, Administrative Coordinator

Called to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:56pm.

Review Minutes

The board reviewed the May 23, 2018 minutes. Dr. Shepherd motioned for the minutes to be approved. Ms. Key motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement.

Director Updates

- Director's updates were presented by the Director Ms. Elaine Breathwaite
 - ✓ Ms. Breathwaite spoke about hosting a small youth summit at the end of June
 - ✓ Updated board members on upcoming events
 - Town Hall meeting on Medicaid Expansion at Fourth Baptist Church on June 30, 2018
 - HIV/AIDS Awareness Summit schedule for the end of the month, will send information to members
 - ✓ Updated everyone on the State, program overviews and accomplishments
 - State cutting funds in January – CSBs are very concern about the potential profit

Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services

- Agency in preparing for audits for the State and the intensive audit being done by CARF in May of 2019
- Behavioral Healthcare Annual Report for 2017 is almost complete
- ✓ Peer Summit at the Edmonds Center was successful with 120 individuals registered and 106 were in attendance.
 - Dr. Shepherd spoke about the Peer Summit and commended the staff. She also praised Ms. Lauren Hope-Compton for being an amazing master of ceremony

Old Business

- Ms. Drew spoke about implementing an after school program within two Portsmouth Public Schools called the Kennedy Group back in December of 2017.
 - Ms. Drew told the board she was able to secure a location through the Salvation Army – will forward her contact information to Helena Gourdine-Thorpe, Youth Coalition Coordinator at PDBHS.

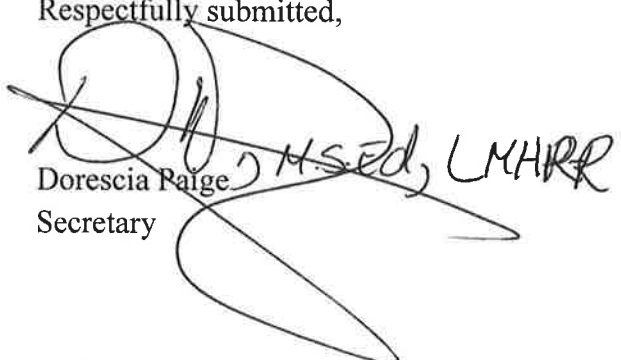
New Business

- Dr. Shepherd accepted the role as Interim Chair due to Mr. Bell stepping down from the position and resigning from the Board. Ms. Key motioned for the approval of Dr. Shepherd role as Interim Chair. Ms. Mills motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:54pm. Refreshments were made available before and following the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2018 at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorescia Palge
Secretary