



The Advisory Board held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 1811 King Street, at 4:30pm in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Members Present

Paul Bell, Chair
Dr. Marie Shepherd, Vice Chair
Dorescia Paige, Secretary
Pastor Milton Blount
Beverly Thomas
Dr. Denise Key
Katrina Drew

Absent Members

Beverly Franklin

Staff Present

M. Elaine Breathwaite, Director
Cherie Lassiter, Administrative Coordinator
George Ennels, Program Administrator
Karen Nicely, Clinical Manager

Called to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:54pm.

Review Minutes

The board reviewed the April 5, 2017 minutes. One correction was made to the minutes regarding Pastor Blount's name. Pastor Blount motioned for the minutes to be approved. Dr. Sheppard motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement.

Director Updates

- DMAS – Audit – Noticeable improvement since 3 years ago
- Opiate Awareness Summit – about 121 attendant the meeting
 - FBI: *Chasing the Dragon* was viewed at the summit
 - Partnering with different programs in the community to see the movie about drug use
 - Emailing version of *Chasing the Dragon* to board members
- BHS continues to hire for several vacant positions. We will continue to interview throughout the month.
- The staff hired for the HRRJ grant are having issues
 - There have been changes to the grant regarding how staff does TDOs

Old Business

- The Opportunity House Anniversary was a success with previous staff coming out to help celebrate
- Discussed Opportunity House Canteen reopening
 - Need letter to help support the effort for reopening from staff, clients, Portsmouth community
- Advertising and interviews for vacant position are ongoing throughout May, June, and July

New Business

- Deep discussion on increasing adolescent programs – Ideas and Concerns
 - Implementing task force for adolescent care program
 - Revive the Youth Coalition program
 - Dr. Key spoke about the heart of the problem with the youth start with the parents; lack of supervision and structure.
 - Networking with other Youth program in the City and Hampton Roads area
 - ❖ Unify the programs to help get assistance for the youth by collaborating with other CSBs to get wrap around services
 - Challenge the City to do better in broadcasting Youth Programs

Next Meeting/Adjournment

Members voted to postpone July's Advisory Board meeting until August 2, 2017. Dr. Key motioned for the approved of postponement. Pastor Blount motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement. The Chair motioned for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:08pm. The meeting for the month of August was postponed until August 9, 2017. Refreshments were made available before and following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorrescia Paige
Secretary

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