



211 N. Third Street  
Monroe, LA 71201

**Minutes**  
**Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
**July 9, 2015**  
**12:00 Noon**  
**Board Room**

**Board Members Present:**

Josie Roberts                      Jim Hutchison                      Owens Moses  
Jackie S. Slack                      Rita Goodin

**Board Members Absent:**

Kenneth Wilson                      Paul Coburn

**Call to Order:**

Josie Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, there being a quorum present.

**Prayer:** Opening prayer was given by Mrs. Roberts.

**Agenda Amended:** Motion was offered by Jackie Slack, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to amend the agenda. Replace the original agenda with the agenda form as required by Office Legislative Auditor. Also to add under new business adopting the millage rate on the 2015 tax roll.

**Minutes: June 11, 2015:**

Motion was offered by Jackie Slack, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the June 11, 2015 Board meeting minutes. Motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the 6-11-2015 Board meeting minutes as presented.

**Old Business:**

The Supported Independent Living Program (SIL) Policy and Procedures Manual was reviewed. Motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the (SIL) Policy and Procedures Manual. Motion was offered by Jackie Slack, seconded by Rita Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to form a committee to review

the SIL Policy and Procedures Manual next year. The committee will consist of Jackie Slack, Josie Roberts, Rita Goodin and Ben Pitts. They will meet in April or May of 2016 and then report to the Board at the next available meeting.

**New Business:**

Motion was offered by Jackie Slack, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adopt the millage rate of 1.44 mills for the 2015 tax roll.

Jimmy Sanderlin, Director of Finance, presented the financial report for month ended May 31, 2015. There were no questions or comments.

Ben Pitts, Hospital Director presented the monthly report for June. There were no new admissions and no discharges during June. The in-patient total census was (151) with (123) in group homes, (28) in the SIL program and 19 served in the Supported Employment program. There was (1) abuse/neglect allegation in June which, after investigation, was unsubstantiated. Cooley had a total of (279) employees. There were (17) new hires, (15) discharges (voluntary & involuntary) with a turnover ratio of 5%. There were (14) part-time open positions. Target date to transfer Highland Group Home license to the Franciscan Group Home (100 So. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) is August 1, 2015. The home will serve (8) residents. Mr. Pitts also reported on the Legislative session. Current levels of funding will continue with no cuts. It appears there is still a budget shortfall that will likely be addressed during a special session with the new governor in January 2016.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Commissioners' Statements/Discussion:** There were none.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business a motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Jackie Slack, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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Josie Roberts, Chairperson  
G. B. Cooley Board of Commissioners

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Ben Pitts, Hospital Director  
G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District