



211 N. Third Street
Monroe, LA 71201

Minutes
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
February 11, 2016
12:00 Noon
Board Room

Board Members Present:

Josie Roberts Jim Hutchison
Rita Goodin Owens Moses Paul Coburn

Board Members Absent: Kenneth Wilson Jackie S. Slack

Call to Order:

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

Prayer:

The invocation was offered by Mrs. Roberts.

Public Comments: There were none regarding the January 14, 2016 Board Meeting minutes.

Minutes: January 14, 2016:

Motion was offered by Josie Roberts, seconded by Rita Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the January 14, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Motion was offered by Josie Roberts, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the 1-14-16 minutes as presented.

New Business: Francis Huffman of Huffman and Soignier Accounting Firm, presented the Financial Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. Mr. Huffman's firm presented an unqualified opinion with no findings. Questions and comments were addressed.

Reports:

Financial: Jimmy Sanderlin, Director of Finances, presented the financial report for month ended December 31, 2015. Questions and comments were addressed.

Monthly Activity: Ben Pitts, Hospital Director, presented an update on facility activities. As of January 31, 2016, census remained the same; however, on 2-8-16, (7) new consumers were admitted. That brings the census for group homes to (133). Cooley is looking for several more being admitted in the next few weeks. In January (28) were served in the SIL Program and (19) served in the Supported Employment Program. There was (1) abuse/neglect allegation during the month of January which was found valid. There was also (1) injury of unknown origin on Cedar house. The end of the year summary for abuse/neglect allegations will be presented at the March Board Meeting. Cooley's total employee count was at (286) with (9) new hires and (12) discharges. (voluntary & involuntary) The turnover ratio was 4%. Mr. Pitts also presented a Legislative update on the state budget crisis. The legislature is set to start a "special" session next week, 2/14/16. The session was called to deal with the 870 million shortfall for the current fiscal year and an additional 1 billion for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2016. Handouts were provided on the press release regarding the impact and some strategies recommended by the Governor. Questions and comments were addressed.

Commissioners' Statements/Discussion: Paul Coburn and Josie Roberts.

Adjournment: There being no further business a motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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

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