



211 N. Third Street
Monroe, LA 71201

Minutes
Board of Commissioners Rescheduled Meeting
March 17, 2016
12:00 Noon
Board Room

Board Members Present:

Jackie S. Slack Josie Roberts Rita Goodin Owens Moses

Board Members Absent:

Jim Hutchison Paul Coburn Kenneth Wilson

Call to Order:

Josie Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting to order; however, at this time there was not a quorum.

Prayer:

The invocation was offered by Josie Roberts.

Reports:

Financial: Jimmy Sanderlin, Director of Finances, presented the financial report for month ended January 31, 2016. Questions and comments were addressed.

Monthly Activity: Ben Pitts, Hospital Director, presented an update on facility activities. There were (11) new admits and (0) discharges. Community homes had a total census of (137), SIL (28) and Employment Program (19). Total census was (174). The February Abuse/Neglect Allegations Report had (0) allegations during the month. There was (1) Injury of unknown origin. The 2015 Year Summary reported (4) investigations with (1) valid. There were (2) incidents of injury of unknown origin. Legislative update reported DHH had not cut any of Cooley's funding yet and Cooley is waiting to hear if any will be cut this fiscal year. At the time of this report all but 30 million of the current year budget deficit was funded. Next fiscal year budget will be a new challenge. The recent flooding required two of our community homes to be evacuated - Moore Road and Latham Lane homes. Moore Rd. clients went to our Franciscan home and clients are expected to re-inhabit Moore Rd. as soon as the pathway to the home is clear. The Latham home suffered significant damage and there is still on average 3 feet of water still in the house as of 3-17-16. The clients were evacuated to our Day Program facility at Clay St. West Monroe. This facility is fully equipped with beds, bathing facilities and kitchen. The Latham clients will be displaced for an extended period of time based on our options to repair the home or if the home is totaled, then we will have to explore our options.

Public Comments: Joe Ladent

There being a quorum present at this time, Mrs. Roberts called for the approval of the February 11, 2016 minutes.

Public Comments: There were no public comments regarding the minutes of 2-11-2016 Board Meeting.

Minutes: February 11, 2016:

Motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Jackie Slack, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the February 11, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried to approve the 2-11-16 minutes as presented.

Executive Session: For Personnel Matters: Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A) (1) Motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Owen Moses, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to go into closed session at 1:00 pm. Motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Jackie Slack, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to return to an open session at 1:12 pm. Motion was offered by Jackie Slack, seconded by Rita Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to renew the personnel contract as presented for Ben Pitts, Hospital Director.

Commissioners' Statements/Discussion: Jackie Slack, Josie Roberts, Rita Goodin and Owen Moses.

Adjournment: There being no further business a motion was offered by Rita Goodin, seconded by Jackie Slack, 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