



211 N. Third Street
Monroe, LA 71201

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 4:30PM in the Board Room of the G. B. Cooley Administration Building located at 211 N. 3rd Street, Monroe, LA.

Board Members Present:

Jackie S. Slack Josie Roberts Taronda Goodin
Kyle Coburn Dan Sartor

Others Present: Ben Pitts, Connie Page, Jimmy Sanderlin, Carmen Howard, and Larry Bratton

Board Members Absent: Kenneth Wilson

Call to Order: Jackie S. Slack, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, there being a quorum present.

Prayer: The invocation was offered by Ben Pitts.

Public Comments: There were none.

Minutes: The minutes for February 13, 2020 Board meeting were presented. A motion was offered by Taronda Goodin, seconded by Dan Sartor, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the 2-13-2020 minutes. A motion was offered by Josie Roberts, seconded by Taronda Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the 2-13-2020 minutes as presented.

Reports: The Financial Report for month ended January 31, 2020 was presented by Jimmy Sanderlin. Questions and comments were addressed.

Ben Pitts presented the February Report. Services were provided by GBC for (125) in group homes, (28) in SIL, (1) in Therapeutic Group Home (TGH), and (19) in the Employment Program, totaling (173). There were no Human Rights investigations conducted during the month of February. There were a total of 265 employees at the end of February with .01% turn over. Mr. Pitts also gave an update on precautions taken by GBC regarding the Corona Virus. GBC has employed all the customary and extraordinary precautions for combatting the inception and transmission of this virus. A plan is in place that is really no different than a severe Flu outbreak, but GBC is prepared with supplies to deal with this issue. Staff training has been conducted this week to ensure all staff are taking precautions and ensuring those precautions are reinforced in their respective work environment. GBC has dealt with Flu this year and client temperatures are monitored twice a day. Client's travel and people coming to their homes have been limited. This is a road we have never traveled, but we are as prepared

as we can be and hopeful that none of our clients or staff contract this virus. Questions and comments were addressed.

Executive Session: Authority for Executive Session for Personnel issues: **Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1)** A motion was offered by Taronda Goodin, seconded by Kyle Coburn, and unanimously carried by Commissioners present to enter into closed session at 4:50pm. A motion was offered by Kyle Coburn, seconded by Dan Sartor, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to return to open session at 5:03pm. A motion was offered by Dan Sartor, seconded by Josie Roberts, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the extension of Ben Pitts' employment contract to May 2022.

Public Comments: There were none.

Commissioners' Statements/Discussion: Jackie Slack

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Kyle Coburn, seconded by Josie Roberts, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:10PM.

Jackie S. Slack, Chairperson
G. B. Cooley Board of Commissioners

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