



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, June 11, 2020 at 4:30PM in the Training Room of the G. B. Cooley Administration Building located at 211 N. 3rd Street, Monroe, LA.

Board Members Present: Jackie S. Slack, Josie Roberts, Kenneth Wilson, Taronda Goodin, and Dan Sartor

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

Board Members Absent: None

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 May 14, 2020 Board meeting were presented. A motion was offered by Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Dan Sartor, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the May 14, 2020 minutes. A motion was offered by Josie Roberts, seconded by Dan Sartor, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the 5-14-20 minutes as presented.

Reports: The Financial Report for month ended April 30, 2020 was presented by CFO, Jimmy Sanderlin. Questions were addressed.

Ben Pitts, CEO, presented the facility monthly report. Client census remains at a total of 173 served. This includes Community Homes, SIL, the TG Home, and Employment Program. There were no admits or discharges during the month of May. There was (1) Human Rights investigation during May. It was found invalid. Total employees ending May 31, 2020 was (266) with 0% turnover. Bid opening to construct (2) new group homes was postponed until June 18th. A special called board meeting is proposed to be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 11am to discuss bid results. All locations of service are still quarantined due to Corona virus with some limited visitation by family, essential medical appointments, and employment for those needed back to work. Across GBC there have been a total of (7) confirmed positive among employees and (3) service recipients. In the instance of a positive exposure at a location we are paying an

additional “show up” bonus per day. Currently, GBC has sufficient supplies of PPE’s. Staffing issues have been challenging of late due the inability to attract new staff in this season as we would normally do month to month. COVID positive locations obviously create staffing issues. The extended unemployment benefits with little or no qualifying conditions that pays better than what one would make working also add to the staffing challenges we face. GBC has a contract with a medical temp staffing agency as a last resort to fill staffing shortages.

New Business: Consideration of bids for the construction of (2) new group homes was tabled until a later date. The bid opening was delayed until June 18th, 2020. A special called board meeting is proposed to be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 11am to discuss bid results.

Unfinished Business: Election of 2020-2021 officers for GBC Board of Commissioners was discussed. Kenneth Wilson nominated Taronda Goodin for Chairperson. Ms. Goodin accepted. A motion was offered by Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Jackie Slack, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners to elect Taronda Goodin Chairperson of GBC’s Board of Commissioners for the 2020-2021 year. Jackie Slack nominated Dan Sartor for Co-Chairperson. Mr. Sartor accepted. A motion was offered by Jackie Slack, seconded by Kenneth Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners to elect Dan Sartor Co-Chairperson of GBC’s Board of Commissioners for the 2020-2021 year.

Public Comments: There were none.

Commissioners’ Statements/Discussion: There were none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Taronda Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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

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