



GBC LIFE SERVICES

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There was a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 4:30 PM in the Board Room of the G. B. Cooley Administration Building located at 211 N. 3rd Street, Monroe, LA.

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

Others Present: Ben Pitts, Connie Page, Jimmy Sanderlin, and representative of Monroe Dispatch.

Board Members Absent: None

Call to Order:

Taronda Goodin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, there being a quorum present.

Prayer: The invocation was offered by Kenneth Wilson.

Public Comments: There were none.

Minutes: The minutes for the regular Board meeting of July 9, 2020 were presented. A motion was offered by Josie Roberts, seconded by Kenneth Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the 7-9-20 minutes. A motion was offered by Josie Roberts, seconded by Kenneth Wilson, and carried by the Commissioners present to approve the 7-9-20 minutes as presented.

New Business:

(a) Ben Pitts presented the item to finalize Bond Financing. After questions and comments were addressed a motion was offered by Dan Sartor, seconded by Josie Roberts, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the bond financing for the construction of (2) new group homes.

(b) Mr. Pitts also presented the resolution to call election for tax renewal. After questions and comments were addressed a motion was offered by Jackie Slack, seconded by Josie Roberts, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the resolution to call election for the 2020 tax renewal.

Reports:

(a) The Financial Report for month ended June 30, 2020 was presented by Jimmy Sanderlin. Questions and comments were addressed.

(b) Connie Page presented a Program Services update. Community outings have been suspended for now due to increase in COVID 10 cases around the state. Facility census is (124) in community homes; (28) in SIL program; (19) in Employment and (1) in Therapeutic Group Home. GBC is only allowing (30) days or more extended home visits during this time as well as requiring client to receive COVID 19 test with a negative result to re-enter the group home. There have been a total of (14) positive clients, (12) in the group homes and (2) in SIL homes. At this point there have been a total of (10) group homes and (5) SIL homes with staff or consumers who have tested positive. A total of (20) staff have tested positive (15 from group homes and 5 from SIL homes). (3) staff have been hospitalized, (1) has been discharged, (1) remains in the hospital and (1) staff passed away on August 3rd. Her son also passed away on August 1st. (1) consumer is in the hospital at this time. GBC has had approximately (57) staff tested for COVID and (31) consumers tested for COVID. Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) group home surveys have been suspended since the beginning of the pandemic until further notice. Surveyors are contacting us regularly by phone to check on the homes and ask questions mainly pertaining to COVID related issues. GBC has to report all positive cases to the Office of Public Health, Department of Health, and Health Standards. When there is a positive case on our homes, OPH emails us a COVID Suspect Cases and Potential Outbreak survey with questions pertaining to how many current positive cases, new cases, hospitalizations, how many tested for COVID, how many returned to work, and deaths, etc. Staffing continues to be a challenge. Several staff have resigned or just left to draw unemployment benefits. We are not receiving a lot of applications. GBC has updated the COVID 19 Policy. A copy of the Policy is attached to the minutes.

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 Jackie Slack, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.



Taronda Goodin, Chairperson
G. B. Cooley Board of Commissioners



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