

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY

Minutes

Board of Directors

November 15, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Renee Collins

Robert Hock

Mark Hoffman

Becky Hughes

Vernon Jackman

Walter Jenner

Susan Kastner

*Julie Kellett

Richie Maldonado

Kelly Nash

Joyce Nielsen

Erik Norton

*Susie Tolson

Roy Williams

*denotes phone participation

STAFF PRESENT

Kim Thomas, President and CEO

Call to Order

Susan Kastner called the meeting to order at 10:50 am. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda

Mark Hoffman made a motion to approve the agenda. Renee Collins seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from 8/23 mtg.

Roy Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mark Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Hock

Margaret Moore

Brooke Thomas

Legislative Update

Kim Thomas and Brian Flynn met with Representative Bingham. We currently get \$350,000 with the proviso. We are asking for \$500,000. We are looking to expand the Parent School Partnership to develop trainings for schools and parents. On Wednesday, SCHHS had a meeting to address the memo from federal. They are discussing funding to eliminate the waiting list on the Medicaid waiver. We would be asking for a 5-8 million dollar increase. It will have to be approved by Gov. Haley. Dr. Jenner suggests that our consulting firm get behind this issue quickly.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Langley submitted the information. Roy Williams and the Finance Team have met monthly. We are presently at the end of the audit. Hobbs Group is very thorough. This will result in new policies that will be presented to the board by our next meeting. Financially, we are very solid. There are funds to expand our programs.

Director's Report

Kim Thomas reported that we are looking to get more money from DDSN. We will have our own money for family support and respite. We will be required to follow DDSN protocol. We can also turn in grants through DDSN. Service Coordination continues to grow. Special Events/Outreach include school presentations, United Way, and the Low Country forum. We are also planning respite events in all areas. The Parent School Partnership is very busy. Concerning public relations, the website is up and running. We will now working on fundraising events. The Employee Handbook needs to change the disciplinary action portion and the vacation portion needs to be simplified. Kim requests that we look over the Employee Handbook and give feedback.

Ongoing Business

Discussion on Board Members, Structure, and Bylaws Revisions

This was addressed during the annual meeting (see annual meeting minutes). The Governance Committee will meet after this meeting. They will begin a list of items that need to be addressed.

Next year's board meetings will take place as follows: January 31, May 9, August 29, October 24. The Low Country Autism Forum will take place on September 19, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 pm.