

GOOCHLAND-POWHATAN COMMUNITY SERVICES
MINUTES
December 7, 2009

Goochland-Powhatan Community Services Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009 in Goochland.

Present

Bea Anderson
Runda Harris
Charles Bruce
Paula Price
Jane Bowles
Ellen Cooper

Absent

Kim Sprouse
June Jeter

Staff Attending

Susan Bergquist
Allison Hunter
Bill Desmond
Bob Villa
Randy Camden

Minutes

C. Bruce brought the meeting to order and first asked if there were any additions to the agenda and there were none. C. Bruce next asked if there were any additions or changes to the November, 09 minutes and there were none.

ACTION: Motion to approve the November '09 minutes was made by E. Cooper, and seconded by B. Anderson. Motion carried by all and November, '09 minutes were approved.

Transportation proposal

S. Bergquist stated that we received two proposals for transportation services, one from Cap-Up and one from VanGo. She said that the Cap-Up proposal was very detailed and the total amount of their proposal was \$138,915; VanGo provided figures in a meeting with them to include \$35/trip for uninsured people or roughly \$254,800. She said our current expenditures on transportation, less transportation and full time salaries is approximately \$177,000. Given this, the only viable option is Cap-Up. The question then remains, is it worth going with them? She stated that there really are issues other than money to look at; this would include issues of drivers, (reliability and dependability), current drivers now employed (will they remain employed with a new transportation group), etc. The Board agreed with this rationale; E. Cooper said she doesn't feel there is enough of a savings to take the risk and S. Bergquist said to keep in mind that it may be

an unreasonably low number proposal-wise from them to begin with. She did comment however that we may be able to consult with VanGo about savings to our current program. This may include suggestions for routing efficiencies and ongoing repair/maintenance of our vehicles. There also may be some talk around grouping communities together and offering transportation service among other Goochland businesses. The Board agreed that they felt it was not a clear benefit to go forward at this time.

ACTION: Motion to keep transportation services provided within GPCS was made by P. Price and seconded by E. Cooper. Motion carried by all and transportation services will remain with GPCS.

Fundraising Committee Update

B. Villa and A. Hunter gave a quick update on current fundraising efforts. B. Villa stated that our “small picture” includes a booth at the Powhatan Christmas parade to raise money for several different programs within the agency. We will be selling brownies, cookies and apple cider. We are also looking to have a raffle basket; a current consumer’s family is willing to wrap but need items to donate so if anyone has anything to donate, please let us know. N. Wood suggesting that she might raffle off time with their therapists; possibly one hour of time; vetted by Dr. Desmond.

Moving to the “bigger picture,” there is continued talk about our Cedarwoods Board and how we can get the community involved and fundraising on a broader scale. How do we go forward in the future? Main thing we need now is a foundation to get us moving and it seems logical that Cedarwoods Board to be that entity. We are looking for 5 board members and need names of folks in the community that may be suggested or current GPCS Board members who want to step forward. We are asking for current GPCS Board members to give it some thought over the next month and be prepared to suggest a prospective Cedarwoods Board member and also possible suggestions for committee members under this Cedarwoods Board that would become our “fundraising committee”. In addition, B. Villa and A. Hunter will have a draft of a development plan to present to the Board in the January Board meeting.

Appropriations from the Counties

S. Bergquist met with Becky Dickson today; Ms. Dickson is meeting with each department head of Goochland County to include our agency. Goochland County is currently looking at a 15% reduction for their departments but will be cutting our agency’s appropriation by 5%, knowing Powhatan will also follow suit. Right now, our Powhatan meeting will be held on January 6th where our agency is invited to speak at their two day budget session to present our appropriation request. Both counties are dealing with budget cuts; revenues are down, etc.

This would be an overall reduction to \$257,954 for the next fiscal year or \$13,577 per year for each county.

Update on the pending lawsuit

S. Bergquist directed the group to page 14 of the Board packet, explaining again that this lawsuit has been going on for 10 years and the judge in this case has asked what each side wanted and to put it in an order, called a “sketch order”. The judge signed it and then gave plaintiff two weeks with amended brief; they requested a trial and \$2 million in damage. Trial date has been requested to be set to try to force negotiations with the family in hopes for a settlement but it is ongoing at this point. S. Bergquist will continue to update the Board as new information is forthcoming.

Regional, State and Federal Updates

Governor’s announcement will be on Friday, December 18th and the anticipated amount he will be cutting and where specifically these cuts will come from. It will then be up to the new governor and the General Assembly to decide what will be included and what other proposals he has. We will have to wait until the General Assembly is done with its deliberations before planning any other adjustments to our current budget and to our next year’s budget.

Reports

S. Bergquist reported the following:

- Audit is not over; we think our part is almost complete but Goochland County’s audit is holding ours up since they are our fiscal agent. Our auditors have informed us that final report will not be released until Goochland County’s audit is done, hopefully sometime around Christmas. We are trying to get ours to the January board meeting in draft form.
- VACSB January meeting is the legislative meeting on the 19th; coalition is slotted for the 18th all taking place here in Richmond. This should be convenient to get to; if you want to go, let S. Bergquist know quickly.
- Currently working on a grant through Goochland Community Partners for a family treatment court; area agencies would come together to do this. This would help families get on their feet, provide services, etc. Proposal would go to the Supreme Court in January.
- CSA – system transformation conference is coming up soon; details to come.

- New Océ copiers have been put in place and new contract with them for 5 years; savings in monthly contract amount and new color printer/copier has been added.
- Final pick of our motto will be announced at our January board meeting

C. Bruce asked if there was any other business to discuss.

ACTION: There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Ellen Cooper, Secretary

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