

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES
May 8, 2008
Warren, Arkansas

A regular meeting of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) was held on May 8, 2008 at the Calvary Family Life Center in Warren, Arkansas. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. pursuant to the call of the Board Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Thomas Dolislager, Dr. Wesley Kluck, Mr. Luke Heffley, Ms. Sally Hardin, Mr. David Rosegrant and Mr. Ron Carmack.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Charlie Green, Ms. Judy Adams, Ms. Margo Green, Ms. Judy Storey, Mr. Calvin Price, Mr. Mark Stitch, Mr. Forrest Steele, Mr. Dale Woodall, Ms. Marilyn Junyor, Ms. Traci Harris, Ms. Betty Schwartz and Ms. Donna Madden

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Pat Carmack; Mr. John Cuthbertson; Mr. Boyd Hancock; Ms. Amy Ford, Attorney General's Office; and Ms. Joyce Dees, Governor's Office Department of Human Services (DHS) Liaison.

Mr. Thomas Dolislager, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Dolislager called for a motion on the minutes from the February 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Board and the April 11, 2008 Called meeting of the Board.

Dr. Wesley Kluck made a motion the February 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Board and the April 11, 2008 called meeting of the Board be approved. Ms. Sally Hardin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dolislager invited anyone wanting to address the Board to do so at this time; no one addressed the Board at this time.

Ms. Sally Hardin presented the report for the May 8, 2008 meeting of the Physical Management Subcommittee. Ms. Hardin stated the Subcommittee had discussed a request for the rollover/renewal of a five-year lease with Wallace Brown, on 153 acres of Conway Human Development Center (CHDC) land to be used as pasture land. Ms. Hardin provided information on the lease as discussed by the Subcommittee. Following discussion on the location, money involved and terms of the lease, Ms. Hardin stated the Subcommittee's recommendation and the motion on the lease request was to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hardin continued the report and stated the Subcommittee had discussed a request for a five-year mineral rights lease for 480 acres of Booneville HDC (BHDC) land leased by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for the purpose of extracting oil/gas. An explanation on the procedures used by the Commissioner of State Lands for mineral rights leasing was provided to the Board. Ms. Hardin stated the Subcommittee's recommendation and motion on

the request was to approve the Commissioner of State Lands to move forward on the leasing process. Mr. Ron Carmack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Luke Heffley presented the report for the May 8, 2008 meeting of the Administrative Services Subcommittee. Mr. Heffley stated the Subcommittee had discussed the Gifts and Bequests (G&B) Fund/Policy; noted no action was needed on the item and asked Dr. Charlie Green to present to the Board the information discussed by the Subcommittee. Following Dr. Green's presentation on G&B, Mr. Dolislager questioned Dr. Green as to a time frame on the Board being presented with a recommendation for using G&B money. Dr. Green suggested the Subcommittee begin working on the development of a plan for the G&B money once the budget process was completed in the fall.

Mr. Heffley continued the Subcommittee report. He stated the Subcommittee had discussed DDS' budget, and he asked Dr. Green to share the information on the budget that had been provided to the Subcommittee. Dr. Green's presentation included information on previous budget cuts; decisions made by the Board with regard to previous budget cuts; and commented that the Board's main concern with regard to budget cuts had always been to ensure decisions made would be those least disruptive for the individuals DDS is committed to serve. Dr. Green requested input on the Board's intent for handling future budget cuts. Mr. Heffley stated the Subcommittee's recommendation and motion on future budget cuts would be to continue past decisions to do whatever necessary to ensure the least disruption for the residents of the human development centers. Mr. Carmack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dolislager questioned Dr. Green on ideas for handling future budget cuts. Dr. Green reviewed the manner in which the FY 2003 cut was handled and suggested the same for future cuts; the Board agreed.

Dr. Charlie Green presented the Division Director's report. Dr. Green welcomed Mr. David Rosegrant to the Board; thanked Ms. Judy Adams, Southeast Arkansas Human Development (SEAHDC) Superintendent, and her staff for a great "Open Horizons" Conference and for hosting the Board meeting; thanked Ms. Judy Storey for accepting the interim Superintendent position at Booneville HDC (BHDC). Dr. Green's report included additional information on the budget.

Mr. Dolislager presented Ms. Donna Madden with a plaque from the Board in appreciation for her working with the Board for twenty-four years.

Mr. Ron Carmack made a motion the meeting adjourn. Dr. Wesley Kluck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary

Mr. Thomas Dolislager, Board Chair
Board of Developmental Disabilities Services