

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

Call to Order:

Mr. Roger McCullough, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in the large conference room at the state office of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Special Recognition:

Dr. Boswell welcomed everyone to the board meeting and thanked the board, legislators, staff, and consumers for all the hard work that they have put forth for the department.

Three consumers from EI, CRS, VR, and SAIL were there to share their stories and talk about the services they receive from the department. Josalyn Hall outlined the services that her son receives from both EI and CRS. Shameka Singleton and her son Jayden Dudley talked about the services Jayden receives from EI and CRS. Ronnie Welch discussed the services he has received from both VR and SAIL.

Board chairman Roger McCullough honored Reps. Jay Love and Greg Wren for their support of the department. Sen. Trip Pittman was also recognized, but was unable to attend the meeting. The department thanked them for their assistance with the department budget and for visiting our clinics and spending time with consumers.

Mr. McCullough called for a short break and re-convened the meeting at 10:30.

Prayer:

Mr. Graham Sisson opened the meeting with prayer.

Verification of Quorum:

Board members present were Mr. Roger McCullough, Mrs. Patricia Floyd, Dr. Stephen G. Kayes, Mr. Jimmie Varnado, Mr. Eddie C. Williams, Mr. Mitch Strickland, and Mrs. Andrea Collett. A quorum was declared.

Verification of the Open Meeting Act Notice:

Mrs. Bull verified that the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services meeting for Sept. 7, 2012, had been posted on the Secretary of State's website Jan. 19, 2012.

Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2012:

Minutes of the June 8, 2012, ADRS board meeting were mailed prior to the meeting. Mr. McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2012, board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Varnado and seconded by Mr. Strickland. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. McCullough asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Varnado and seconded by Mr. Strickland. The agenda was approved unanimously.

New Business:

ADRS Operations Plan FY 2012-2013 & ADRS Personnel Staffing Plan 2012-2013

Ms. Suzette Taylor reviewed with the board in detail the ADRS Operations Plan FY 2012-2013.

Ms. Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw reviewed with the board the ADRS Personnel Staffing Plan 2012-2013.

Mr. McCullough made a motion that the board approve and adopt the ADRS FY 2012-2013 Operations Plan (EBO Form #8) at the spending level of \$170,884,367 and the ADRS Staffing Plan (EBO Form #9) at 839 full-time and one part-time staff, and that we give authority to the commissioner and chief financial officer to revise the Operations Plan within these spending and staffing levels. Dr. Kayes seconded the motion. The ADRS Operations Plan FY 2012-2013 (EBO Form #8) and ADRS Personnel Staffing plan 2012-2013 (EBO Form #9) were approved and adopted unanimously.

Updates to Division Reports:

Only the division directors who had information to add to their mailed board reports gave updates.

Mrs. Peggy Anderson invited the board to the National Disability Employment Awareness Month events that will be held around the state in October. She said the events would be posted on the department's Calendar of Events.

Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Boswell thanked Ms. Taylor and her staff for a great job with the ADRS Operations Plan FY 2012-2013 and Ms. Burdeshaw and her staff for the great job with the ADRS Personnel Staffing Plan 2012-2013.

Commissioner Boswell thanked Mrs. Melinda Davis and her staff for the great job with the MCH Block Grant review held in Atlanta, Ga. Alabama is ranked in the top 10 in the country for this Block Grant. He also commended Mrs. Davis on making no more conditional appointments for CRS.

Commissioner Boswell thanked Mrs. Betsy Prince and her staff for the Annual Performance Report done by Early Intervention.

Commissioner Boswell thanked VR for the hard work done on the RSA 107 report to RSA.

Commissioner Boswell thanked Mrs. Anderson and her staff for a great job with the READI and ABLE Conference held in Birmingham. He said it was a great conference and that he had received great feedback on it.

Commissioner Boswell thanked Jerry Key and his staff for their hard work with EI.

Commissioner Boswell thanked the audit staff for their hard work.

Announcements:

Mr. McCullough advised the board that at its next meeting, Dec. 7, 2012, they would be electing a board chair and vice chair.

ADRS board meetings for 2012:

December 7, 2012 - 10:00 AM - State Office Large Conference Room

ADRS board meeting for 2013:

March 8, 2013 – 10:00 AM – State Office Large Conference Room

June 7, 2013 – 10:00 AM – State Office Large Conference Room

September 6, 2013 – 10:00 AM – State Office Large Conference Room

December 6, 2013 – 10:00 AM – State Office Large Conference Room

Mr. McCullough adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Minutes were taken by LeAnne Bull.

Respectfully submitted: 
Cary F. Boswell, Commissioner


Approved: Roger McCullough, Chair