

MINUTES
COLONIAL GROUP HOME COMMISSION
9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 3, 2020

MEETING CONVENED

A meeting of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee was called to order at 9:31 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, by Vice-Chair Stephen Kopczynski through the use of electronic means without a quorum being physically assembled in one place, pursuant to an emergency ordinance adopted April 21, 2020.

This meeting is being held remotely under the emergency “continuity of government” ordinance adopted under Code of Virginia section 15.2-1413, allowing public meetings of this Board, and other county boards, commissions, and authorities, to meet remotely. This action was taken because of the health emergency resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, making the assembly of the board and staff and members of the public in one place unsafe because of the highly contagious nature of the coronavirus pandemic.

I am Stephen Kopczynski, Vice-Chair and I am in my office located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road. Other Board members participating are Ms. Rebecca Vinroot, Ms. Wendy Evans and Ms. Lisa Kersey. Other County staff present or participating are Brian Fuller, Community Services Director/Commission Administrator; Sheri Newcomb, Community Services Deputy Director; Michelle Justiniano, Juvenile Services Management Analyst; and Nancy Bennett, Administrative Assistant.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee were present at roll call: Mr. Stephen Kopczynski, Vice-Chair; Ms. Rebecca Vinroot, Secretary; Ms. Wendy Evans, and Ms. Lisa Kersey.

Approval of Minutes. On motion of Ms. Kersey, the minutes of May 6, 2020, Executive Committee meeting were approved. On roll call, the vote was: Yea (4), Vinroot, Kopczynski, Evans, and Ms. Kersey, Nay (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Update

Mr. Fuller gave updates on personnel matters at Crossroads and noted that Ms. Crotty is spending more time at Crossroads which seems to boost staff morale.

Nominating Committee

Ms. Evans advised that she contacted Christopher McDonald, James City County Citizen Representative to set a day next week to discuss the election of new officers.

Crossroads Population

Mr. Fuller advised that Crossroads presently has 3 residents. Crossroads is licensed for 16 beds and the average census is 7-8 residents. Mr. Fuller reached out to Joe Jackson, DJJ Court Service Unit Director for the 9th District to discuss alternative ways Crossroads can be utilized in addition to the services we currently provide such as a possible step-down unit for children coming out of Merrimac Center. Ms. Vinroot expressed concern about the potential impact The Family First Prevention Services Act will have on shelter care placements at Crossroads when it is implemented in January 30, 2021.

COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND REQUESTS

Mr. Fuller indicated that the staff is working on drafting a written policy for waiver of fees as requested by Ms. Taylor at the CGHC Full Commission meeting on May 21, 2020.

Mr. Fuller is working on obtaining the Cares Act money to provide a better video conferencing system for our residents at Crossroads.

Mr. Fuller advised that the election of officers can take place at the June 18, 2020, CGHC Full Commission meeting if the nominating committee is prepared.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Vinroot advised that she will follow up with the other directors regarding the Family First Prevention Services Act.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no Citizens at this meeting, nor was there a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kopczynski, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.



Stephen Kopczynski, Vice-Chair
Colonial Group Home Commission

Rebecca Vinroot

Rebecca Vinroot, Secretary
Colonial Group Home Commission