

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION – CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTIES
MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2024

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Disabilities and Special Needs, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Microsoft Teams

Eddie Miller - Chairman

Michelle Woodhead – Vice-Chairman

Gary Kocher, MD - Secretary

Barry Malphrus

David Thomas

DDSN Administrative Staff

Constance Holloway, State Director; Quincy Swygert, Chief Financial Officer; Courtney Crosby, Internal Audit Director; Carolyn Benzon, General Counsel; Robert McBurney, Program Manager for Emergency Operations & Special Projects; Andrew Tharin, Director of Engineering and Planning; Chanel Cooper, Information Technology Division; and Christie Linguard, Executive Assistant.

Call to Order and Notice of Meeting Statement

At 10:08 a.m., Chairman Eddie Miller requested a motion to call the meeting to order. The motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Woodhead; and unanimously approved by the Commission. State Director Constance Holloway read a statement of announcement about the meeting that was distributed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Malphrus, the agenda was unanimously approved by the Commission. (Attachment A)

Invocation

Vice-Chairman Woodhead gave the invocation.

Conveyance of Properties


Mr. Swygert began by stating one of the greatest priorities of this Agency is to increase bed capacity across the state for the persons supported by our Agency. Both homes have been vacant since the Fall of 2021. He reminded the Commissioners that the 710 and 722 S. Bomar Avenue properties in Landrum, South Carolina were approved by the Commission to be sent to Surplus at the October 20, 2022, Commission meeting. Sometime after that both properties were put on the market to sale by the Department of Administration Real Property Services Division. They have not been sold. The next steps are to seek the Commission’s approval to convey the properties mentioned above to a DDSN qualified provider of residential services, Purpose-SC, Inc. Once this has occurred, the conveyance of these properties to Purpose-SC, Inc. will be placed on the State Fiscal Accountability Authority’s (SFAA) June 18, 2024, agenda. Commissioner Miller made a motion to convey 710 and 722 S. Bomar Avenue, Landrum, South Carolina 29356 properties to Purpose-SC, Inc. so that this item can be placed on SFAA’s June agenda for approval. The motion was approved by Commissioner Malphrus; seconded by Commissioner Woodhead; and unanimously approved by the Commission. (Attachment B)

Commissioner Thomas spoke briefly about Senate Bill 915. He noted that this informal speaking was for informational purposes only. This Bill calls for the Agency’s name to be changed to the *Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities*. As Commissioner Thomas understands it, this name change could influence the number of individuals that are currently being served, possibly by up to 40%. Therefore, Commissioner Thomas has requested that a member of DDSN staff send to him, in writing, as soon as possible, a statement informing him if this information is correct or incorrect.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Malphrus and unanimously approved by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Submitted by:



Christie D. Linguard
Executive Assistant

Approved by:



Commissioner Gary Kocher, MD
Secretary

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**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
3440 Harden Street Extension
Conference Room 251 (TEAMS)
Columbia, SC**

May 23, 2024

10:00 AM

1. Call to Order *Chairman Ed Miller*
2. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Gary Kocher*
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Invocation *Vice-Chairman Michelle Woodhead*
5. Conveyance of Properties *Mr. Quincy Swygert*
6. Adjournment

Consideration of Conveyance of 710 & 722 S. Bomar Avenue, Landrum 29356 to Purpose-SC, Inc., A Qualified Provider of Residential Services of DDSN.

Request approval from Commission to convey 710 & 722 S. Bomar Avenue (two former CRCF's and contiguous lots on which they were constructed in Spartanburg County) to Purpose-SC, Inc.

- Upon approval by Commission, the department will work with staff at the Department of Administration and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority to convey these properties to a local provider per Proviso 2023-2014 36.6.
- Such is tentatively scheduled for the SFAA agenda of June 18, 2024, contingent upon Commission approval.
- Background: Commission approved the state real property surplus of these homes in October 2022, which was documented in the packet for the "Real Property Transaction Submission and Approval Form," which was accepted and approved by the Department of Administration on January 9, 2024.
- After an unsuccessful sealed bid process in March 2024 to sell these homes (directed by the Department of Administration) and in light of the critical need for residential beds, the DDSN qualified residential provider Purpose-SC, Inc., has expressed intent to receive such homes via conveyance of title and to operate them as soon as practical to serve up to eight individuals within the DDSN system.
- Such a conveyance would be written to ensure the properties are utilized for DDSN-approved services, with a quit-claim deed along with a reversionary clause should Purpose-SC, Inc., vacate its management of such homes in accordance with a Memo of Understanding to be developed by DDSN legal staff and recorded with the quit-claim deed.
- Additionally, this request to convey these properties is in accordance with the 2017 Senate Medical Affairs Committee and the October 2023 Legislative Audit Council recommendations to address the residential needs listing of individuals waiting to be served in a DDSN licensed residential setting.