

South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board Meeting
June 24, 2024
Via Zoom

Call to Order

Board Chair Eric Bedingfield called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:32 PM via Zoom. Those in attendance via Zoom and constituting a quorum were:

Board members present via Zoom: Board Chair Eric Bedingfield, Steven Donaldson, Martine Helou-Allen, Hon. H. Bruce Williams, Lisa Montgomery, Gary Mixon

New Business

Board Chair Bedingfield lead the reconsidered GPS application review.

1. **Oconee County.** Motion to reconsider by Mr. Mixon, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, motion passed. This application is for \$602,029 and \$100,659 in carryover funds for a total of \$702,680. Chair Bedingfield said all looks in order. Mr. Donaldson said he had several questions: It looks like there are five requests in one application; the salary for the Director and whether the funding for this is supplanting for Kingdom over Culture, ; In two applications it looks like food is along with other items and it isn't clear which is which; Lastly, peer positions for assessments in the jail system for reimbursement which is out of the scope of practice for certified peer positions. Ms. Helou-Allen expressed concern that the organization Play Safe is more focused on athletic training and it doesn't seem this is within the scope of opioid addiction. Staff called **Oconee County** during the meeting to clarify questions The meeting was on hold while Staff called Oconee County. Staff returned with the following answers to the questions asked by the board: As it pertains to peer support, these are peer support groups for assessment which are done with a licensed therapist who signs off on these; The Programs Director at Magnolia House is a new position that started in February, and they are using donations to pay for this position, which they cannot sustain; PlaySafe is an expansion from the other approved county, they had a meeting wherein this was explained, and can provide those minutes, but offered to sever this part if necessary. Ms. Williams said for PlaySafe they want to bring the same model from Anderson to Oconee County, and they can provide their minutes and give more detail if necessary. Motion to approve application in the total amount of \$702,680 by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Ms. Helou-Allen, m/c unanimous.