

February 1, 2012

Mr. T. Scott Moulder Administrator, Oconee County 415 South Pine Street Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Dear Mr. Moulder:

I would like to thank you for meeting with me and my Board Chairman Jere duBois, Dan Mel eod and Mike Burns of McNair Law Firm on Monday, January 23, 2012, to discuss the Anderson/Oconec Behavioral Health Services' proposal to construct a facility which will provide treatment services in Oconec County by our Agency.

As a result of our meeting, I am requesting that this proposal be placed on the agenda of the Real Estate, Facilities and Land Management Committee of the Oconce County Council at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. At that receting, representatives from our Agency will be present to review the building project, the proposed method of funding and the treatment services to be provided, as well as answer any questions the Committee members or County Administration may have.

Thank you for considering our proposal. If there should be any questions, please contact

Sincerely,

me,

Karen B. Reck Executive Director

Anderson Oconec BHS

Anderson Oconee Behavioral Health Services

Established in 1973 by Act 301 as the sole agency in Anderson and Oconee Counties to provide Alcohol and Drug Prevention, Education, Treatment and Rehabilitation.

Vision of Anderson Oconee BHS

Anderson Oconee Behavioral Health Services will be the provider of choice for the citizens of Anderson and Oconee Counties. Our integrated Behavioral Health Services are designed to provide a combination of alcohol and other drug and psychosocial services. Our goal is to empower our clients to attain and maintain their maximum level of functioning within the community.

Mission Statement of Anderson Oconee BHS

Anderson Oconee Behavioral Health Services will constantly be adapting to the needs of our clients and the communities we serve. We provide a of a comprehensive system including public, private and social sectors for a continuum of behavioral health services for our communities while maintaining successful outcomes for our clients.

Philosophy of Anderson Oconee BHS

- Anderson Oconee Behavioral Health Services recognizes the far-reaching effects of alcohol, tobacco and/or other drugs and psychosocial disabilities/disorders on the individual, family, friends, community and the workplace. We offer a continuum of services based on the individuals needs.
- Our emphasis is on prevention, early identification, responsive service, personalized treatment and flexible care. Our goal is to improve the individual's quality of life and return them to an optimum level of functioning within the community.

Services Provided at Anderson Oconee BHS

- Assessment and Treatment Planning for youth, adults and families.
- The Alcohol/Drug Safety Action Program (ADSAP) for DUI Offenders.
- Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Education Groups, Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Aftercare, Women's Intensive Outpatient Treatment and Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Family Centered Services Intensive In Home
- Community Education/ Prevention
- Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET) focused on Underage Drinking
- Merchant Education related to Underage Drinking
- Smoking Cessation
- Compulsive Gambling
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Supervisor Education
- Additional Services for Depression, Anger Management, Criminal Domestic Violence and Lack of Impulse Control.
- Groups for Individuals suffering from Co-Occurring Disorders- Mental Illness and Drug/Alcohol Diagnosis.

Staff at Anderson Oconee BHS

- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Independent Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Nationally Certified Addictions Counselors
- Master Addiction Counselors
- Licensed Registered Nurses
- Certified Prevention Specialists
- Anderson has 16 Counselors, 4 Prevention staff and 11 Administrative Staff
- Oconee has 8 Counselors, 1 Prevention staff and 3 Administrative Staff

Board of Commissioners of Anderson Oconee BHS

- Anderson County: William Hood, Diane Brock, Myrtice Collier, Mary Reid Ellis, Danette Hanks and Troyce Anne Ashley
- Oconee County: Jere deBois, Chairman Joan Black, Harold Alley, Fred Hamilton, Wanda Long, Stephen Jenkins, Louis Holleman

All appointed by County Council in their county.

Hours of Service at Anderson Oconee BHS

- 24 hour on call access to clinical staff 7 days a week.
- Regular Office Hours Monday- Thursday 8am-5pm
- Evening Hours 6pm-9pm for Groups Monday-Thursday

Accreditation Of Anderson Oconee BHS

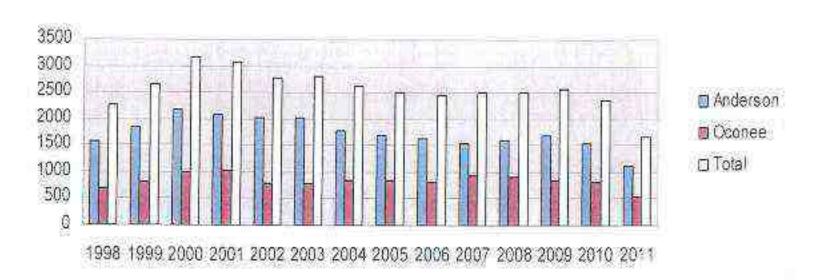
- We are accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and are surveyed every three years.
- We are Licensed by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) under the standards to treat Individuals for Psychoactive Substance Abuse or Dependence annually.

Fee and Revenue Information related to Anderson Oconee BHS

- The agency accepts private insurance, Medicaid and private payments. We develop payment plans for those requiring assistance. No one is denied services for the inability to pay.
- Our other sources of Revenue are the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant which is Federal and State Funds appropriated through the SC General Assembly, Medicaid and other Federal Grants.
- Alcohol Excise Taxes formally Mini Bottle Tax from each county.

Clients Served in last 14 yrs at Anderson Oconee BHS

Clients Served



Average number of clients served in a year

- Average # of clients served = 2636
- Average # of Oconee Clients = 854
- Average # of Anderson Clients= 1782

Current Building of Anderson Oconee BHS- Oconee Office

- Our current facility is located at 691 South Oak Street, we are leasing 4500sq feet which was built by owner according to our needs in 2000.
- We have out grown this facility and it no longer serves our needs.
- We currently have 3 small group rooms that are unable to seat more than 12 clients at a time in a comfortable fashion. Our groups can be 20 plus at any given time.
- Our records room is inadequate for the amount of files we must store on site and the current building has plumbing in ceiling that freezes and pipes broke last year and flooded the records room destroying medical records.
- Our office space for staff has been inadequate in the past and we were housing two staff members per office.
- Limited space means waiting lists for clients to get into services in a reasonable time and limited staff means less clients served.
- The quality of our services, as well as our financial stability are limited by our current location.
- We do not presently have adequate space in our Oconee building to accommodate the inevitable increase in needs for our services in Oconee County.

Future Building of Anderson Oconee BHS

- Proposed building will be approximately 10,741 sq feet which will meet the current projected needs of the agency.
- Located on 3.145 acres on the corner of East North First Street and Holleman Street.
- 3 group rooms to accommodate 60 clients and a large training room that could accommodate 30 clients or training participants for a total capacity of 90.
- Additional space for offices, storage of records, board room large enough to house Board Meetings, larger lobby, additional bathrooms and storage in general.
- This building would be comparable to Anderson Building which is 14,000 sq feet and designed in a similar manner.

Advantages for Anderson Oconee BHS and Oconee County

- Anderson Oconee BHS will be one of the first buildings you see after passing the stone entrance leading into downtown Seneca.
- Oconee County citizens will benefit from the services provided by Anderson Oconee BHS.
- More Services will be available to the citizens of Oconee County and in an efficient manner.
- Anderson Oconee BHS could provide training to community, businesses and professionals.
- Anderson Oconee BHS could generate jobs for Oconee County with additional space.
- Anderson Oconee BHS could generate additional revenue to create a stable cash flow.

