

ARORP Advisory Board 22-006 Next Step -Emergency Septic issue

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 15:56pm

Via Email

Board members

Danny Ormand – Judge, Lafayette County | **Tom Barron** – Attorney, Bear State Law | **Dr. Johnathan Gore** – Chair of the Opioid Stewardship Committee-UAMS | **Jerry Jones** – Chief Legal and Ethics Officer and Executive Vice President, LiveRamp | **Cindy Smith**, Strong-Huttig School Board President | **Gloria Gordon** – Grant Writer, Researcher | **James Sanders** – Mayor, Blytheville | **John Wilkerson** – General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League | **Colin Jorgensen** – Litigation Attorney, Association of Arkansas Counties | **Dr. Virginia Stanick** – Retired Project Director, The State Opioid Response Project | **Tim Helder**, Sheriff Washington County | **Danny Bradley** – Retired Police Chief, North Little Rock Police Department |

An email was sent to ARORP Advisory Board Members on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, to recommend ARORP Budget Item (22-006 Next Step -Emergency Septic issue)

From: Tenesha Barnes <tbarnes@arorp.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 5:56 PM

To: ARORP Advisory Board

Subject: FW: Emergency Septic issue/ need vote

Hello ARORP Advisory Board,

I pray you are having a great week! We have an update with project **ARORP22-006 Next Step Recovery Housing and seeking your approval**. The projects were funded at \$395,400.00 for contracts to expand Next Step Recovery Housing existing facility in the City of Clarksville, Johnson County, Arkansas, to provide 40 total beds of recovery housing (an increase of 30 beds from the current 10 beds) serving and treating men with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), as described in the funding proposal submitted to ARORP. Next Step Recovery Housing agrees and bindingly contracts to complete the expansion and begin providing 30 additional beds of recovery housing (40 total beds), by June 30, 2023, in which are in compliance with their milestones.

Upon completion, Next Step Recovery Housing faced an unforeseen situation in October, revealing inadequacies in our septic system. To tie in their new container home into the main plumbing system the County's Department of Health mandated that they could not, as the existing system was designed for a single-family home, insufficient for the accommodation of 41 individuals, much less the addition of a container

home which would increase that number. Next Step Recovery Housing purchased the property, they did not foresee the septic system being inadequate, ultimately causing us to replace it. Consequently, they underwent an upgrade of the septic system, integrating additional lateral lines to align with regulatory compliance. This measure ensures adherence to health and safety regulations in our facilities. The residence now has a stable and safe septic system that meets compliancy requirements and future growth of our facility.

Next Step Recovery Housing is seeking approval to add a line item to the original budget (see attached) of \$12,400.00 of unspent funding in the utilities bill line to purchase a new septic system.

I will need your vote to allow this request to be granted:

Please vote by emailing me: **I approve, or I do not approve.** If I do not receive your vote by **Friday, January 12, 2023, at noon**, I will count it as approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Tenesha Barnes, Deputy Director

From: Jimmy McGill <jimmy@nextsteprecoveryhousing.org>

Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 1:41 PM

To: Tenesha Barnes <tbarnes@arorp.org>

Subject: Emergency Septic issue

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I had an emergency issue where I had to use unspent utilities bills to keep from having to shut down our facility. Tuesday I moved \$12,400.00 of unspent funds in October, an incident transpired, revealing inadequacies in our septic system.

The County's Department of Health mandated that we could not connect our container home, due to the system being designed for a single married couple, making it insufficient for 41 individuals.

When we purchased the property, we did not know we had a property, we had an inadequate septic system that would need to be replaced.

Consequently, we undertook an upgrade of the septic system, integrating additional lateral lines to align with regulatory compliance. This measure ensures adherence to health and safety regulations in our facilities.

Our residence now has a stable and safe septic system that meets compliancy requirements.

A business card for Jimmy McGill, Executive Director & Co-Founder of Next Step Recovery Housing. The card features a purple background with a white circular portrait of Jimmy McGill on the left. To the right of the portrait, his name and title are listed in black text, followed by his phone number (501.516.6898), email address (jimmy@nextsteprecoveryhousing.org), and website (nextsteprecoveryhousing.org). A black logo, consisting of a stylized 'S' and 'H' inside a circle, is positioned in the bottom right corner of the purple area.

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Recommendations:

John Wilkerson, Colin Jorgenson, Gloria Gordon, Tom Barron, , Cindy Smith, Tim Helder, Jerry Jones (Dr. Johnathon Goree, James Sanders, Danny Ormand, Danny Bradley, Dr. Virginia Stanick, - did not receive a recommendation)