

From: Sen. Shane Martin <shane@senatormartin.com>
To: Veldran, KatherineKatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov
Date: 3/26/2013 2:56:49 PM
Subject: FW: FW: Trey

Katherine,

How should I handle this? I don't know what else to do other than what I have done.

Shane

From: Beverly Skinner [mailto:beverlyskinner91@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 2:00 PM
To: Sen. Shane Martin
Subject: Re: FW: Trey

Senator Martin

We just received a disturbing phone call from our son. Saying things we could not understand. Then a police officer got on the phone and said that he had wandered away from the group. After hanging up and making about ten phone calls we finally got in touch with the nurse supervisor at Patrick B Harris where he explained to me that they had taken Trey to visit a community hospital today and he wandered away then they had to get police to find him. They told me he was on his way home in police van. No one even called us or told us he was leaving the hospital and no one told us our son was missing. I feel that this is unprofessional and as a parent I am very concerned for my son. I am also worried that me speaking out and telling you this information may cause mistreatment to my son. We want to know all information about when he leaves and exactly what is happening. No one has been in contact with us. We are having to call and check and ask questions when we visit. I just saw him Saturday and his father saw him Sunday and no one informed us about anything. What do you think about this situation?

Beverly Anderson

On Mon, Mar 11, 2013 at 2:57 PM, Sen. Shane Martin <shane@senatormartin.com> wrote:
Great! I hope so too!

Shane

From: Beverly Skinner [mailto:beverlyskinner91@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Sen. Shane Martin
Subject: Re: FW: Trey

Yes, I just spoke with her. She is setting up a phone conference. I will keep you informed of the progress. Thank you so much. I pray that this will lead to the help that my son needs.

On Mon, Mar 11, 2013 at 2:27 PM, Sen. Shane Martin <shane@senatormartin.com> wrote:
Did you get the email from Katherine? You need to call her on her cell phone.

From: Beverly Skinner [mailto:beverlyskinner91@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 2:04 PM
To: Sen. Shane Martin
Subject: Re: FW: Trey

Senator Martin,

I have not received an email nor a phone call about this matter. I need someone to help us. I know that he does not have long at the hospital and benefits we have discussed with medicaid. I am concerned for his well being and I am willing to work with someone to find a solution to our problem. Time is a very important matter. Thank you for speaking to her and I hope to hear from someone very soon. My child's life is extremely important to me.

Kind Regards,
Beverly Anderson

On Mon, Mar 11, 2013 at 11:38 AM, Sen. Shane Martin <shane@senatormartin.com> wrote:
[Mrs. Anderson](#),

I met personally with Gov. Haley and her staff a couple of weeks ago concerning you situation and a list of other things. Someone from her staff was to reach out to you. Has this not happened yet? Please let me know.

I am copying our Senate liaison to the Governor on this email as well.

Thanks, and please give Trey my best.

Shane

From: Beverly Skinner [mailto:beverlyskinner91@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:20 AM

To: Shane Martin

Subject: Re: FW: Trey

Senator Martin,

Has there been any progress since our last email? Trey is still at Patrick B Harris. He will need a placement from here. Was Governor Haley able to help with our serious situation? Please let me know an update. I need to know what I should do next. Where will Trey, a young adult with this serious illness, receive the health care and safe environment and program that he needs in our community and/or in SC?

Beverly Anderson

On Sat, Feb 9, 2013 at 11:42 PM, Beverly Skinner <beverlyskinner91@gmail.com> wrote:
Senator Martin,

I feel in my heart that you are trying to help my son. My children are the most important thing in my life and I am afraid for him. I am willing to answer any questions you or she may have. I am willing to give my time and work with you to help in any way I can. Please keep me informed of the progress and of any answers that Governor Haley can give us because after 3 months in Patrick B Harris we will have no where to turn.

If we don't fight for him... who will?

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,
Beverly Anderson

On Sat, Feb 9, 2013 at 8:46 PM, Shane Martin <shane@senatormartin.com> wrote:
Mrs. Anderson,

I have a meeting with Governor Haley in the next couple of weeks (have several issues to discuss with her). I plan to address your situation with her personally.

Really glad we could assist you and will be praying for you and your son. Thank you for reaching out to us and making us aware of this terrible problem.

Please feel free to stay in touch.

Regards,

Shane

From: Beverly Skinner [mailto:beverlyskinner91@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 10:48 AM
To: Shane Martin
Subject: Re: FW: Trey

Mr. Martin,

I received a call yesterday that Trey was being moved to Patrick B Harris and I am thankful that he is going to receive help. I am saddened that this is my only choice as I feel there could be many improvements there which I presented to you February 4th in the papers that I gave you. My concerns for Trey are where will he go from here as I stated in an earlier email. There are many people working on this and I received a call yesterday from Carolyn Roach Department of Human Health Services and she had spoken with Margarie Guess which lead her right back to the place I started which was Spartanburg Mental Health. It seems as though it has made a complete circle. She asked them questions just as I have and they were unable to give her an answer. I feel that this should have been answered immediately because if they are the one's that are responsible for finding my son help they should have an answer. Mr. Martin I am very thankful for your help for my son and I am concerned that someone should be held accountable for knowing what is going on with this important matter. My son's safety, health and happiness is the most important thing to me as I know it is to all who have children. The question still to be answered is where can a young adult with this illness receive the health care and safe environment and program that he needs in our community and/or in SC? I hope that whatever answers are given to you that you will visit the place personally and look at it through a parents eyes as if it were for your own child.

Sincerely,
Beverly Anderson

On Wed, Feb 6, 2013 at 2:25 PM, Shane Martin <shane@senatormartin.com> wrote:
Thank you for handling this for Mrs. Anderson!

Shane

Shane Martin

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From: Kathy Sprayberry [mailto:KathySprayberry@scsenate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 2:01 PM
To: 'Bryan Kost'
Cc: 'beverlyskinner91@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: FW: Trey

Bryan-

See additional information regarding Ms. Anderson's son Trey that you are looking into for us.

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From: Beverly Skinner [mailto:beverlyskinner91@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 1:21 PM
To: Kathy Sprayberry
Subject: Re: FW: Trey

Thank You so much! My next concern will be when his 3 months are up where will he go?

On Wed, Feb 6, 2013 at 10:34 AM, Kathy Sprayberry <KathySprayberry@scsenate.gov> wrote:
For your info.

Kathy

From: Jeffery Ham [mailto:JLH50@SCDMH.ORG]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 9:33 AM
To: Kathy Sprayberry
Subject: RE: Trey

Good morning,

I have been in contact with the hospital director (Patrick B. Harris) and Trey should be admitted before the end of the week. I spoke with the mother earlier, and I understand her concerns.

Jeff

From: Kathy Sprayberry [mailto:KathySprayberry@scsenate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 5:10 PM
To: Jeffery Ham
Subject: FW: Trey

Mr. Ham-

Have you heard anything about placement of Mrs. Skinner's son. She met with Senator Martin and some House members last night. His time is running out of the hospital.

Kathy

From: Kathy Sprayberry
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 2:21 PM
To: 'beverlyskiinner91@gamial.com'
Subject: FW: Trey

From: Kathy Sprayberry
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 2:20 PM
To: 'jlh50@scdmh.org'
Subject: FW: Trey

From: Glenn Reese
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 2:19 PM
To: 'jlh50@dmh.org'
Subject: FW: Trey

Mr. Ham-

Per our conversation our conversation. She may be reached (864) 978-0559. They are trying to get him in Patrick B. Harris in Anderson, SC

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From: Beverly Skinner [mailto:beverlyskinner91@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 5:31 PM
To: Glenn Reese
Subject: Trey

Dear Mr. President, Senator Glenn Reese, Governor Nikki Haley

I am a desperate mother seeking help for my son. My son Trey (Felix Gary Skinner III) is a beautiful young boy. He has a heart of gold. His smile can light up the world. He has never

been in any trouble. Everyone loves him. Trey played baseball in elementary school and was the valedictorian in 6th grade. He continued to exceed expectations through high school in Math and Science. He was in honors classes through high school and was a drummer in the marching band. He did so many things well. I hate to brag but my child was an all around beautiful child. Some nights I would lay in bed and just pray and thank God for blessing me with this beautiful and unusual child. In the 12th grade he decided he wanted to major in the science field and was accepted to the College of Charleston, by choice, because he loves the ocean and it wasn't too far from home. We were all so excited about Trey's future and looking forward to his graduation in 2009 from Chapman High School, Inman SC.

Trey began doing things out of the ordinary in February 2009. He told me he felt depressed. We took him to his family physician. They put him on an antidepressant. Trey did not want to take this because he said, "Mom you know I don't like medication because I like my body to work its own magic." Trey continued to change so quickly we could not keep up with it. I remember one morning he just looked at me with his big beautiful eyes and begged me to help him. He said, "Mom something is going wrong with my brain and I can't stop it!" My child was begging me for help. I took him to the hospital. The physicians started a treatment where he was diagnosed with depression. To make a very long story short, he continued to progress with unusual symptoms and left home. We began searching for him. We received a call from the Canadian border where our son was trying to cross because he said he was going to Alaska to live off the land. We finally got him back but not in time for graduation. He missed his graduation and did not graduate because he did not finish 2 credits in government which is a requirement for graduation, even though he exceeded all other requirements and was an advanced student all through school. This was a heart break for us and him. I remember crying for weeks. Trey's illness continued. He was diagnosed with bipolar and bipolar quickly turned into paranoid schizophrenia. If you have not researched this illness then you should before you pass judgment. We have lived with this horrible illness for years now, begging for doctors, hospitals, anyone to PLEASE help us. He has been in and out of numerous hospitals and seen numerous doctors.

We are an average middle class working family. I was a teacher but I have started back to school as a nurse thinking it would give me more time to help and understand my child's illness.

We do not know what else to do. Trey's illness causes him to be paranoid of medication, going to the doctor and getting his blood taken. We have struggled many times. We have had to watch our sweet boy being put in hand cuffs just to get him to the hospital where he can be helped. Can you imagine watching your only son having to suffer through this. It is like having your heart ripped out of your chest while someone stomps on it.

This is just a little piece of what our family goes through daily. I am begging someone to help us. We have no money for expenses to help him get further treatment. He is on Medicaid but that is limited and there are things that are in his requirements to keep him on the medication that cause him to slip backwards, because he is required with this illness to

continue getting blood work and seeing doctors. He refuses because of his illness to see doctors or get his blood taken over and over the health professionals will not give him his prescriptions, which causes him to go in and out of the hospital and us to be tortured over and over. It is a reoccurring vicious cycle and they will not help us. We try to explain to the doctors he can't come to you because of his paranoid sickness and they can't understand. Unless you have actually lived with someone that has this illness you really cannot understand. Even a doctor who studies for years cannot know. He is too big to pick up and force to go to the doctor. So the viscous cycle continues over and over. Our hearts are broken over and over. It hurts more than I can explain to watch your child get eaten up by this horrible illness. Some days it takes everything in you to move.

We also have major problems with him being sick and no one to watch him. He is on SSI but getting to the office to answer their questions is a task and they start the cycle all over again every time he gets put in the hospital. This is NOT like a physical illness. IT IS SO MUCH WORSE. So we have no money to help with his expenses. We have to continue living and to live we must work. But this illness has also caused this to be a difficult task. We have a difficult time with the requirements of a job and taking care of a sick child.

We are begging for someone to help us find healthcare for our child! We have looked for a place that is descent for him, but the only places around here are nursing homes for older people. Our child is young, 21 and needs a place he can be with young people like him. He wants so badly to have someone his age to talk to. He is lonely and has no more friends. We are concerned that he will end up accidently hurting himself. I have tried to get help by his Medicaid paying for someone to be with him while we work but I have not received any help.

I wish we could find a place where he could be happy but there is nothing for young adults his age with mental illnesses. Please help us. We are so afraid we are going to lose him. We want our child to be happy and safe and close to us. What would you do if this was your child and you did not have a lot of money? Where would you turn? What would you do if you woke up one morning and your child was sick? If you give me advice I will take it but remember if this is what is good enough for your child then and only then will it be good enough for mine. Please visit the places around our area and see if it is somewhere you would place your child. Look into what the care is like for them. I have seen things I cannot believe. Please help us and most of all our beautiful Trey. He is waiting for help. If you can help us please email me or call [864-978-0559](tel:864-978-0559). We will continue praying and hoping that God will send someone to help him.

Sincerely,

Beverly Anderson

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