

## **MINUTES**

Madison County Mental Health Board  
Meeting Place: Madison County Educational Therapy Center  
201 Staunton Road, Troy  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

**Board Members in attendance:** Michael Durbin, Ed Pinnell, Charlotte Charbonnier, and Anthony Traxler

**Absent:** Christine Wallace (notified), Nick Petrillo (notified)

**Staff in attendance:** Jennifer Roth, Beth Parente and Erin Wickenhauser

Ms. Charbonnier called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

A motion to approve the February Claim was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

A motion to approve the March Claim was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

**Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools** – Ms. Roth introduced Mr. Bob Daiber and he spoke about what role his office has in Madison County. Dr. Richard Etz, the school counselor, explained that the school provides special educational therapy services for emotional disabilities, learning disabilities, and other health impairments for youth grades 6-12. ETC is a private program where student referrals are generated from the home school district special education department. The main responsibility is to create and maintain a safe and positive learning environment for all students. The school's mission is to improve academic skills and increase appropriate school and social behaviors. Aggression Replacement Training and Crisis Prevention Intervention programs are implemented in the school curriculum and address the needs of all students by giving them the tools necessary to interact appropriately in different settings.

### **AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St. John's Community Care** – Ms. Berry announced the Adult Day Program is running smoothly at both locations and the Edwardsville location just received a Lutheran grant. The state is no longer behind on payments. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 they celebrated their one year anniversary at the Edwardsville location.

**Chestnut Health Systems** – Mr. Mercer had nothing to report.

**Call for Help** – Ms. Compton announced they hired a new Sexual Assault Counselor in the Madison County office. The funds used for their hotline that was discontinued will be redirected toward a new daytime drop-in center for adults diagnosed with a mental illness. Currently there is no drop in center available in the Metro East. The center will be for the chronically mentally

ill people who are living in the community but do not have any daytime activities. A portion of the Call for Help, Inc. campus on Lebanon Road will need to be remodeled for the center. This will be similar to programs like Thresholds and will include consumers on staff who have CRSS credentialing. They are planning a May open house.

**Special Olympics** – Peggy Knebel announced that the Polar Plunge was a great success. They are gearing up for the Spring Games at SIUE's Korte Stadium on April 26th.

**NAMI Southwestern IL** – Jessica Gruneich and Beverly Watkins attended to represent the PIAT System Development request. The conference will be March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. They submitted the annual United Way Combined Federal Campaign application in February. Ms. Gruneich announced the Veterans and Military Support Group has started and they meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Madison County Child Advocacy** – Ms. Cohan is returning to work after maternity leave. She announced that the Kids Fair will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at Alton Square Mall.

**Alzheimer's Association** – Mr. Coons announced they are taking a group to Springfield IL to educate elected officials about Alzheimer's disease and the need for respite assistance. The Surviving Care Giving Workshop will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Collinsville at St. John's UCC.

**Behavioral Health Alternatives** – Ms. Scobbie announced that everything is going well at their office. She has a full client load and has been successful in moving several on to Medicaid.

**William Bedell Resource Center** – Mr. Rollins thanked Ms. Roth and Ms. Wickenhauser for their attendance at the agencies annual luncheon and meeting. He announced that everything is running smoothly at the Center and they have finally moved into the new school building. Mr. Rollins also took the Plunge in Carlisle for the Special Olympics.

**Wellspring Resource Center** – Ms. Tompkins announced the ribbon cutting at Amy's Crossing would be the next day, March 13<sup>th</sup>. They recently hired Lura January as Director of Development to their fundraising team. Ms. January will oversee the agency's Development team and functions, including fundraising, marketing and public relations. They have also been able to hire an LCSW through a Daughters of Charity grant to work in the Senior Program. This position will be able to bill eligible Medicaid services.

**Catholic Charities** – Ms. Harris announced that they were in the final stages of hiring another therapist for their counseling program thank to the increase in funding from the board. They are keeping extremely busy. They will be holding a fundraiser for the mobile food pantry on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Alton.

**Illinois Center for Autism** – Ms. Brooks announced that the adult programming is moving to the Belleville facility from the Fairview Heights facility and will do some restructuring. The 19<sup>th</sup> annual spring dinner auction "Light up the Night" will be held March 29.

**Epilepsy Foundation** – Ms. Becker announced that they received a grant for “Managing your Students with Seizures: Training for School Nurses”. This training provides appropriate first aid, treatment options and their side effects, and the impact of seizures on learning and behavior. The Illinois SUDEP Act was passed and took effect January, 1 2014. Illinois is the second state to pass this law. The Act mandates medical examiners and coroners to include an inquiry into autopsies to determine if the death was a direct result of a seizure or epilepsy. Camp Roehr is June 8-14.

## **FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

**Special Olympics IL, Southwestern Area 12** is requesting \$5,000 in support of 935 participants from Madison County for partial coverage of the expenses in advancing to the state level competitions. A motion to approve the \$5,000 request was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

**The Epilepsy Foundation** is requesting \$2,500 in support of their seven day residential “Camp Roehr” for children with epilepsy to be held June 8-14. A motion to approve \$2,500 was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

**The Alzheimer’s Association, St. Louis Chapter** is requesting \$10,000 in support of their Family and Community Education Programs, Helpline, and Care Consultations for services provided to Madison County Residents. A motion to approve \$10,000 for these services was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Durbin.

**The Madison Child Advocacy Center** on behalf of the Downstate Conference on Child Abuse Committee is requesting \$2,500 in support of the annual conference which provides training for professionals involved in child abuse services. The conference is April 30-May 1. A motion to approve \$2,500 for the annual conference was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

**The Team IL Youth Police Camp Committee** is requesting \$2,500 in support of their weeklong residential camp to be held summer 2014. A motion to approve \$2,500 was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

**St. John’s Community Care** is requesting a total of \$7,000 support of their Alzheimer’s Support Group, their Caregiver Support Group and stipend funding for an Art Therapist practicum student and oversight time from a licensed Art Therapist. A motion to approve \$7,000 was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

**NAMI IL** is requesting \$3,000 in support of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Piecing It All Together, Children’s Mental Health Conference to be held March 14-15 at SIU Edwardsville. A motion to approve \$3,000 was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Roth reported that following the One & Three Year mailing the staff worked on putting together the Annual Financial Report. Ms. Roth has been speaking and planning with Mr. Mercer to start providing Mental Health First Aid training to targeted populations throughout the county. She has also been talking with Mr. Mercer and HACSM staff about the potential for further development of the counseling contract for rural mental health services. Throughout the last month Ms. Roth has been working on finding a replacement for the board vacancy. She believes she has a candidate who would be very good. Although Ms. Roth was not able to attend the Heroin Task Force Committee meeting the week prior, she did speak at length with Donna Nahlik from the Prevention Program at Chestnut in regards to the meeting, next steps and how the Mental Health Board can be supportive of the group.

March is a busy month with the staff attending a variety of meetings and activities. Ms. Roth will be attending a meeting hosted by WellSpring on the shortage of community psychiatric beds in the Metro East as well as the rising transportation costs for local police departments and emergency rooms. This is not a new issue but one that is increasingly becoming worse. Ms. Roth will also be attending Amy's Crossing ribbon cutting ceremony. All staff will be attending the PIAT conference.

There are already a number of meetings and trainings set up for April including the Child Abuse Prevention Month kick off hosted by the County, the quarterly Association meeting and training in Springfield and more. For any further questions of staff activities, Ms. Roth encouraged members to call the office.

A motion to approve the 1 & 3 year plan was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Durbin.

A motion to approve the annual report was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Dr. Traxler at 6:10 pm.

**\*\*Following adjournment, Mr. Daiber took those who were interested on a tour of the school.**