

MINUTES

Madison County Mental Health Board

Meeting Place: William Bedell ARC's School, 400 S. Main Street, Wood River

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Board Members in attendance: Michael Durbin, Christine Wallace, Nick Petrillo, and Anthony Traxler

Absent: Ed Pinnell (notified), Charlotte Charbonnier (notified)

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

Mr. Petrillo called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Ms. Wallace and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

A motion to approve the June Claim was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Ms. Wallace.

AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

William Bedell ARC –Mr. Osborne welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. The school has been fully operational as of March 8th with 70 children enrolled.

Wellspring Resource Center – Ms. Tyree said they received a grant for the Open Door Initiative which starts July 1st. Everything is running smoothly. Ms. Roth also passed the latest agency newsletter for Board members to see the photos of the latest housing development, Amy's Crossing.

Catholic Charities – Ms. Harris announced they hired a new therapist. Things are going great with the agency.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois – Ms. Becker announced that Camp Roehr was going on this week. They are advocating along with three other epilepsy agencies for the legislature to pass the rules governing medical marijuana. She explained that it will be a long lengthy process due to all of the controversy.

St. John's Community Care – Ms. Berry announced they are having a "Chairitable" donation to replace (worn) chairs at the Collinsville location. The Edwardsville location is having an issue with smoke coming in through the vents from their neighbor Doc's Smokehouse which is next door to the center. They are hoping the issue will be resolved soon.

Illinois Center for Autism – Ms. Brooks announced their golf tournament will be held June 20th, 2014 at Stonebridge Golf Course in Maryville, IL.

Behavioral Health Alternatives – Ms. Scobbie said things had been a little slow recently but these things seem to go up and down depending on the month. There had been less referrals coming in for non-Medicaid clients.

Chestnut Health Systems – Mr. Mercer had nothing to report. Ms. Roth took a moment to give an update on the Mental Health First Aid training planning progress.

Madison County Child Advocacy Center – Ms. Cohan announced that the Kids Fair was a great success with 1,000 attendees. They have been receiving a lot of referrals.

FINANCIAL REQUESTS – SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Wellspring Resources requested \$2,500.00 in assistance for purchasing finishing items for the Amy's Crossing 12 unit permanent supportive housing development. A motion to approve \$2,500.00 was made by Ms. Wallace and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roth announced the Mental Health First Aid Training will be led by George Smith, MA, LCPC, CSADC, and Clinical Training Specialist with Chestnut Health Systems. The trainings will be at Chestnut Health Systems on Wednesday, July 23rd, Friday August, 29th and Friday September 19th. All sessions are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. The trainings are targeted for the lay public to further assist them to identify mental health issues in their public domain of influence and appropriately respond and facilitate proper referral for assistance.

Ms. Roth reported that the staff has been working on the application documents for the upcoming funding cycle. Ms. Roth will be sending the revised documents for posting to our website down to IT in the next week. Staff will review the online documents on an internal link and when finally approved will be made available to the public. She also briefly mentioned that a number of agencies had called to talk with her about changes/increases to their current funding amounts and programming.

Ms. Roth announced that the NAMI Walk will be held June 21 and Drug Court Graduation will be June 24th. The Heroin Task Force is meeting June 13 and June 25th. A professional interventionist will be speaking to the group on the 25th as well as a staff person from the National Council (NCADA – National Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse) on the heroin public education campaign used in the St. Louis region.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Wallace and seconded by Dr. Traxler at 5:10 pm.

****Following adjournment, Gary Osborne took those who were interested on a tour of the school.**