

MINUTES

Madison County Mental Health Board
Meeting Place: Administration Building
157 N. Main Street, Suite 145
Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Board Members Attending: Michael Durbin, Nick Petrillo, Walter Hunter, Anthony Traxler, and Charlotte Charbonnier

Board Members Absent: Christine Wallace (notified), Edward Pinnell (notified)

Staff Attending: Jennifer Roth and Beth Parente

Mr. Durbin called the meeting to order at 4:30.

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Ms. Charbonnier and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

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

A motion to approve the March Claim was made by Ms. Charbonnier and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

Agency Announcements

Chestnut Health Systems – Mr. Mercer announced through their Managed Medicaid Pilot Program they saved over \$800,000 with a group of identified high service utilizers.

William BeDell ARC - Mr. Rollins announced they had their Annual Meeting with 57 out of 126 employees attending. You must have 10 years of service before you can attend the meeting. They are getting paid on time because of court orders except for several programs such as Respite.

St. John's Community Care - Ms. Berry announced that March 17th they are launching their Cardinals Early Memory Loss Group. This outing is for the client and the caregivers and will be held at the Edwardsville Facility. On April 23rd they will host a Surviving Caregiving Workshop which is free and open to the public.

Phoenix Crisis Center – Mr. Hellrich announced they are doing okay financially, thanks to the federal funding they receive. Their day to day operations are going fine.

Illinois State Police - Ms. Voytas announced that this will be their 11th year for the Team IL Youth Camp. This camp is for children ages 12-17. Ms. Voytas announced that the camp was such a success that they are talking about starting one in northern IL. Ms. Voytas thanked the Board for their generosity in helping with this camp.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation – Ms. Gaff announced they hired an intake specialist that works 3 days a week. She has had 44 referrals in 2 months. They are also holding staff trainings at Centerstone and pro bono workshops on topics to better assist clients.

Call for Help – Ms. Cates announced that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. The St. Clair County State’s Attorney is going to attend the “Walk a Mile” event in which all men will wear high heels. They are hoping to get Madison County State’s Attorney to join as well. They will be holding silent protests in Belleville on April 5th, East St. Louis on April 12th, and in Edwardsville on April 18th in front of Red Robin. This silent protest is to educate and help get the word out to the public.

Catholic Charities of Madison County – Ms. Brown announced they have been offering counseling and social skills programming for their foster care families.

Coordinated Youth & Human Services – Ms. Smith announced that they are in the planning stages of hosting a Trauma Focused Symposium which will be 2 days of training.

Heartlinks Grief Center – Ms. Cuddeback announced their new addiction loss group is growing fast in St. Clair County. They are hoping to start a group up in Madison County. She also reminded the Board that Heartlinks presented at the Team Illinois Youth Camp and it was a success. They now have support groups in the Junior and Senior High Schools in Highland and Alton.

Alzheimer’s Association – Ms. James announced they continue to provide awareness, outreach and education to the communities utilizing trained volunteers as they no longer have an IL based outreach worker. They are also offering an early memory loss group at St. John’s Community Care. They would like to expand the Faith Outreach program on this side of the river as well.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern IL – Ms. Baxter announced they are getting Medicaid money on time and services are being provided but with less staff to do the work. Their Annual Gala is in 2 weeks. The money that they raise will go to Camp Roehr. They are going to Springfield for their 3rd Annual Advocacy day on April 3rd.

Furry Friends Recovery – Ms. Hogan announced they provide dog therapy to individuals who experience developmental, emotional, and traumatic challenges for comfort, healing and wellness. NAMI, Gateway Regional Medical Center and Chestnut are big supporters of their program.

Behavioral Health Alternatives – Ms. Scobbie announced she just returned from maternity leave. On March 14th they are having a quarter auction at 7 p.m. at the Wood River KC Hall.

New Opportunities - Ms. Newsome announced they are hosting a mouse Race with 50/50 raffle on March 19.

Financial Requests

Administrative Budget Request

Ms. Roth requested approval of the payment of the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois Annual Dues for 2016 in the amount of \$7,852; as allocated in the FY 2016 Administration Budget Dues & Membership Line. A motion to approve \$7,852 was made by Dr. Traxler and second by Ms. Charbonnier.

System Development Budget Requests

Furry Friends Recovery requested \$5,000.00 to support the training, certifications and active work of therapy dog teams providing services to individual and families in a variety of settings in Madison County such as Gateway Regional Medical Center, Chestnut Health Systems and NAMI of Southwestern IL support groups. A motion to approve \$1,000.00 was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

The "Piecing It All Together" Children's Mental Health Conference Planning Committee requested \$3,000.00 in support of the 12th Annual Conference to be held on April 15th at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights for approximately 150 mental health professionals and family members. A motion to approve \$3,000.00 was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Ms. Charbonnier.

The Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter requested \$10,000.00 for the Madison County services to include 10 Consumer Education Programs, 24/7 Helpline support, 25 Care Consultation Service Visits, as well as awareness and outreach activities. A motion to approve \$10,000.00 was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern IL requested \$2,500.00 in support of their annual, seven-day residential Camp Roehr to be held June 26th through July 2, 2016 for children diagnosed with epilepsy. A motion to approve \$2,500.00 was made by Ms. Charbonnier and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

William BeDell ARC requested \$3,850.00 to cover costs for seven individuals of their CILA homes to attend a weeklong residential camp (Camp New Hope in Mattoon for developmentally disabled) who do not have financial means to attend. A motion to approve \$3,850.00 was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

The Team IL Youth Police Camp Committee requested \$2,500.00 in support of their residential camp for at risk youth to be held at Principia College in summer 2016. A motion to approve \$2,500.00 was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Petrillo.

CASA of Southwestern IL requested support (in any amount) of their Second Annual Superheroes Night at Gateway Grizzlies Ballpark on June 18, 2016. A motion to discuss this request was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Petrillo. A motion for the agency to resubmit the funding request in the proper format was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Ms. Charbonnier.

Executive Directors Report

Ms. Roth announced that Centerstone of IL closed their Jersey County - Jerseyville office. No programs were closed - just the closure of the facility. The services to Jersey, Calhoun & Green residents will be provided out of the Alton Office (crisis services will still be provided in those communities). While services will still be served for those residents, many will have a problem with transportation to Alton.

Ms. Roth announced that UCP Heartland made an announcement today stating that their Camp Free To Be is cancelled until further notice due to the lack of state funding.

Ms. Roth announced the Annual Reports were mailed out this past week. The One and Three Year Plan will be mailed following tonight's board approval.

The approval of 2015 Annual Report was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

The approval of Draft for the One & Three Year Plan for 2016-2019 was ad by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Charbonnier.

With no other business on the table, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr.Traxler and seconded by Ms. Charbonnier at 5:20 p.m.