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Madison County Mental Health Board
Meeting Place: Administration Building
157 N. Main Street, Suite 145
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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

Staff Attending: Jennifer Roth and Beth Parente

Mr. Durbin called the meeting to order at 4:35.

A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Ms. Wallace.

A motion to approve the April Claim was made by Ms. Charbonnier and seconded by Ms. Wallace.

A motion to approve the May Claim was made by Ms. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Petrillo.

Agency Announcements

Phoenix Crisis Center – Mr. Hellrich announced that everything was going very well at the agency.

NAMI of Southwestern IL – Ms. Gruneich announced their 2nd Annual ABCD Conference (Autism, Behavior, and Complex Medical Needs - Downstate). This is a trauma-informed, interprofessional approach to caring for children and adolescents with special needs Friday, May 20th at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, Illinois. Ms. Gruneich introduced Marie Krysmoski who is their new Associate Director. They have a new Peer to Peer group starting next week.

Civic Memorial High School – Ms. Morrison introduced herself. She is a Special Education teacher and the STEP Coordinator at Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto. Ms. Morrison explained how the STEP program helps students within the special education community transition into adulthood and into a post-secondary opportunity. Her goal is to ensure that students are prepared for the world of work, various job skills, social skills and soft skills.

Special Olympics – Mr. Dunning introduced himself to the Board. He is the Area 12 Director of Special Olympics. He announced that the local games were rained out. Therefore, they had a raffle to draw names to see who would be going to the Summer Games.

St. John's Community Care – Ms. Berry announced that their "Surviving Care Giving" workshop was a great success. They had 60 attendees. May is Older Americans Month. St. John's Community Care is hosting an Older Americans Worship Service and Luncheon to honor May as Older Americans Month – "A celebration of experience, wisdom and life". The service will be held at St. John United Church of Christ Friday, May 27th at 11:00 am. A complimentary luncheon and entertainment are planned following the service.

Madison County Child Advocacy Center – Ms. Cohan announced that they served 650 children in 2015. They have conducted the most interviews in the state of Illinois except for Chicago. They are working on getting a new logo. The counseling contracts are going very well and they are keeping very busy.

Highland Community Unit School - Ms. Phillips attended our meeting to explain to the Board about their 2016-17 (school year) funding request for their VIP Program (Very Important Principles). Ms. Phillips said this is a major factor in promoting social emotional skills, and maintaining good mental health and safety for the students and community. She thanked the Board for their past support.

Heartlinks – Ms. Cuddeback explained to the Board their agency is very busy. They are finishing up with the schools but will continue keeping busy with their support groups during the summer months. This summer they will participate in the State Police Team Illinois Youth Camp providing “QPR” suicide prevention trainings.

CASA of Southwestern IL – Ms. White informed the Board that their agency is 28 years old and have been in Madison County for four years. Last year they served 100 children. Ms. White also talked about their Superheroes Night at the Grizzlies Stadium in which they were requesting System Development Funding. This is their 2nd year of hosting this event.

New Opportunities – Ms. Winte announced their mouse race was well attended. They are collecting old shoes as part of a fundraising campaign and the agency will receive money in return.

Financial Requests

Special Olympics requested \$5,000 to cover a portion of the expenses for athletes from Madison County (1,225 play at local level) who advance from the local competition to the state level. A motion to approve \$5,000 was made by Ms. Wallace and seconded by Ms. Charbonnier.

Madison County Child Advocacy Center requested \$1,500 in support of the 5th Annual Kid’s Health, Safety & Activity Fair. A motion to approve \$1,500 was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Wallace.

NAMI Southwestern IL requested \$500 to support their 13th Annual Mental Health Awareness 5k Race and 1k Walk which also includes public education and awareness as well as vendor tables. A motion to approve \$500 was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

CASA requested \$2,900 in support of the 2nd Annual Superheroes Night. A motion to approve \$500 was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Wallace.

Civic Memorial High School requested \$3,000 for the purchase of equipment for the café that students with disabilities operate, gaining job and social skills. A motion to approve \$3,000 was made by Ms. Wallace and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

Highland Community Unit School District requested \$4,782 in support of their VIP (Very Important Principles) program for the 2016-17 school years. A motion to approve \$4,782 was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Roth reported on the success of the PIAT Conference. They had over 150 people registered in attendance. The total revenue generated with sponsorship, venter tables and registrations was \$10,199.00 and expenses were approximately \$8,320 (with a few smaller bills yet to be paid). This will leave the new fiscal agent and planning committee with about \$1,500.00 to start with for next year's conference and putting a deposit on a venue.

Ms. Roth announced that the unused slots from last year's Mental Health First Aid trainings were going to be put together to offer a complete session of training to the volunteers in the Medical Reserve Corps. of the Health Department. Partnering with the Health Department has been a great success with the mental health workgroup and the formation of a suicide prevention taskforce. July 15th is the tentative date for the MHFA training.

The Mental Health Workgroup has met several times since the beginning of this new "IPLAN" round. Ms. Corona and I have met outside of the large group meetings and concrete events, education and awareness activities have been discussed and will be put forth to the large group to break into smaller committees to work on. The issue of collecting better statistics county wide was also discussed. We hope by the fall of 2016 to be ready to host Madison County's own Suicide Prevention awareness event. QPR training will begin as soon as possible. Ms. Corona and Ms. Roth will be attending an all-day Suicide prevention Conference on July 24th via teleconference at the IL State Police Campus in Collinsville.

Ms. Roth also let the Board know that the County is offering an Active Shooter Training for all employees to attend on several dates during May and June. The County Safety & Risk Department is also requiring all employees who drive for County business to take an online driver safety course.

With no other business on the table, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Hunter at 5:15.