

## MINUTES

Madison County Mental Health Board  
Meeting Place: Administration Building  
157 N. Main Street, Suite 304  
Wednesday, May 13, 2015

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

**Staff in attendance:** Jennifer Roth, Beth Parente

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

A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

A motion to approve the April Claim was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Durbin.

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

### Agency Announcements

**Heartlinks Grief Center** - Ms. Cuddeback announced they received a grant for their outreach program this summer to help children coping with the loss of a loved one. They just finished up a session in the Highland School District.

**Highland School District, Very Important Principles Program** – Ms. Phillips was in attendance for their VIP funding request.

**Behavioral Health Alternatives, Inc.** – Ms. Scobbie shared that the number of referrals from the hospitals is dropping off. They are receiving an increase in clients from those being kicked off Medicaid by the Medicaid managed care organizations.

**CASA of Southwestern IL** – Ms. White announced the agency has been open for four years and covers three counties; St. Clair, Monroe and Madison. Ms. White attended the Mental Health Board meeting for their funding request.

**Chestnut Health Systems** – Mr. Mercer announced that Chestnut is a founding member of the Illinois Behavioral Health Home Coalition LLC. The organization is now successfully working with one of the State's managed care companies for a care coordination pilot program for Illinois. They believe that the pilot study will be completed in June or July and the program roll out state wide for their six member mental health centers.

**William BeDell ARC** – Mr. Rollins announced their prom was a great success. They had quite a few clients attend the Special Olympics last week. The year is winding up and things are going fairly well.

**Cerebral Palsy** – Ms. Haege also had clients who participated in the Special Olympics with a few moving on to the State level competitions. Everything is going well at the agency.

**UCP Heartland** – Ms. Marti announced that when the state budget came out they were looking at closing down the Autism Center. Luckily the funds were reinstated and the office will continue business. Ms. Marti attended the Mental Health Board meeting on behalf of their funding request for Camp-Free-To-Be.

**St. John's Community Care** – Ms. Berry announced both Adult Day Programs were keeping them very busy. They are hosting a conference “Surviving Caregiving” on June 27<sup>th</sup>. This is designed for family caregivers who wish to gain valuable knowledge and resources that will help them navigate the maze of caregiving.

**Wellspring Resources** – Ms. Craig announced they signed their letter of intent to pursue a merger with CenterStone of Illinois. They feel this merger will enhance and strengthen the services they offer. The Mental Health Hero awards will be presented on Thursday night to Jeremy Jewel and Jessica Gruneich. Ms. Tyree also attended the meeting to talk about the merger.

**Illinois Center for Autism** – Ms. Szekely announced that the state budget will affect their agency and they will possibly lose \$200,000.00. The annual Bike at Dawn will be held August 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. And their 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **System Development**

United Cerebral Palsy Heartland requested \$2,500.00 in support for their two week (10) day camp for kids age's five to twelve who have disabilities and their siblings to be held in Maryville. A motion to approve \$2,500.00 was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

Highland School District's Very Important Principles, character education program, requested \$4,312.00 in support of their 2015-2016 activities which reach over 3,000 children in the district. A motion to approve \$4,312.00 was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Petrillo.

CASA of Southwestern IL requested \$1,500.00 in support of their CASA Superhero's Night for the purpose of raising community awareness of child abuse to be held in Sauget at the Grizzlies Stadium on June 20<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve \$1,500.00 was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Dr. Traxler.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Roth announced that we are starting preparations for the upcoming funding application period and the application documents. The staff is keeping busy with daily work and attending meetings. With the new update on the Mental Health Board Website; we are now capable of putting our agencies fundraisers and upcoming trainings on our calendar.

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Hunter at 5:15 p.m.