

## MINUTES

Madison County Mental Health Board  
Meeting Place: Administration Building  
157 N. Main Street, Suite 304  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015

**Board Members in attendance:** Michael Durbin, Nick Petrillo, Anthony Traxler, and Walter Hunter

**Absent:** Christine Wallace (notified), Charlotte Charbonnier (notified), Ed Pinnell (notified)

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

Dr. Traxler called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Durbin.

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

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

### Agency Announcements

**Heartlinks Grief Center** – Ms. Cuddeback announced they had 5 referrals from Madison County this past week and are very busy. They also received a grant for their outreach program this summer to help children coping with the loss of a loved one.

**Land of Lincoln** – Ms. Barnes announced they had 40 referrals for their Medical-Legal Partnership Program (of those 40 - 7 were in regards to financial benefits, which staff were able to ensure for the clients). They currently have 30 open cases and are so busy they are looking to hire a part time employee.

**Phoenix Crisis Center** – Mr. Hellrich announced that Ms. Sander has been very busy as well getting everything in order at the agency. She has also been working on some minor renovations at the house and getting into a routine as the Executive Director.

**Chestnut Health Systems** – Mr. Smith said everything is going great and they are extremely busy. (At this time, Ms. Roth announced that Mr. Smith, for those who didn't know him, was also the trainer for the Mental Health First Aid that the Board has sponsored.)

**St. John's Community Care** – Ms. Berry announced they were having a fundraiser on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Church to celebrate their 30 year anniversary. The event is "Soup, Salad, and Suspense"; a kind of murder mystery dinner. They recently started a pilot program called Memory Fit in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association for clients with the beginning/early stages of memory loss. It has been very effective so far. They received a grant

from the Lutheran Foundation for the Edwardsville Adult Day Program. The agency has also started a dementia support group at Meridian Village per their request.

**Epilepsy Foundation** – Ms. Becker announced the Governor’s proposed budget would cut the Epilepsy Grant completely. The agency continues going into schools to educate the nurses on epilepsy. Camp Roehr will be held June 14-19. Ms. Becker also announced that she will be retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholic Charities** – Ms. Harris announced they just began hosting a parenting support/resource group: “Surviving Parenthood 101”. Six dates have been set for the group and cover a host of parenting topics such as consistency in parenting and the effects of childhood trauma. The cost is \$10 per person per session and they will offer a sliding fee scale and scholarships. This is for anyone in the parent role. The agency is also hosting a dinner, dance fundraiser on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Team Illinois Youth Police Camp** – Ms. Voytas explained that the Team IL Youth Police Camp is a residential camp for teenagers who are at risk for drugs, gangs, violence and other societal pressures. The camp is based on a military model of discipline and includes para-military drills, physical fitness exercises and skills. The camp engages police officers, military personnel, and social service agencies.

**Special Olympics** – Mr. Chris Freimann, the new Area Director at Special Olympics, Area 12 announced their spring games will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at SIUE, Korte Stadium. Approximately 845 individuals in Madison County participate in local area events with almost 300 advancing to state level competitions and beyond. Mr. Freimann welcomed everyone to come out and cheer the athletes on.

**William Bedell ARC** - Mr. Rollins announced that all is going well at the agency and that he had participated in the recent Polar Plunge event benefitting Special Olympics. They had their annual meeting/luncheon on Wednesday at Julia’s Banquet Center in East Alton and it went very well.

**Madison County Child Advocacy Center**– Ms. Cohan announced that they are currently very busy putting together their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Health, Safety and Activity Fair to be held April 18<sup>th</sup> at Alton Square Mall. Ms. Cohan also announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the kick off for this event will be Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 at the Madison County Administration Building.

**Alzheimer’s Association** – Ms. Rohlfs-Young thanked the Board for considering their annual financial request and our ongoing commitment to providing their services to the residents of Madison County.

**Call for Help** – Ms. Stratman announced they have begun working with Police Departments and States Attorney’s Offices on how to get sexual assault victims connected with services. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the agency has been partnering with the Belleville News Democrat on getting the word out.

**New Opportunities** – Ms. Winte announced they have partnered with a St. Louis wholesale florist to buy at a greatly reduced rate, ready to die flowers and then turning the blooms into potpourri. They are also trying to start a laundry service targeting SIUE college students. They are hosting a mouse races fundraiser on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Madison Amvets.

## **Financial Requests**

### Administrative Budget

Ms. Roth is requesting approval of payment in the amount of \$7,852.00 to be made for the 2015 annual membership dues with the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois. A motion to approve \$7,852.00 for the annual membership dues was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

### System Development

Chestnut Health Systems is requesting \$6,000.00 to provide two Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings to be held during the next several months. A motion to approve \$6,000.00 for the trainings was made by Mr. Durbin and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern IL is requesting \$2,500.00 in support of their annual Camp Roehr (residential) to be held June 14-19 for children diagnosed with epilepsy. A motion to approve \$2,500.00 for the camp was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Durbin.

The Team Illinois Youth Police Camp Committee (ISP) is requesting \$2,500.00 in support of their annual (residential) Youth Police Camp to be held at Principia College this summer. A motion to approve \$2,500.00 for the camp was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

The Madison County Child Advocacy Center is requesting \$1,500.00 in support of their fourth annual Kids Health, Safety and Activity Fair to be held on April 18 at the Alton Square Mall. A motion to approve \$1,500.00 for the Kids Fair was made by Mr. Durbin and seconded by Mr. Petrillo.

The Alzheimer's Association is requesting \$10,000.00 in support of their 2015 community and consumer education programs, 24/7 helpline, care consultation services and healthcare outreach programs provided to Madison County residents. A motion to approve \$10,000.00 for these services was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Durbin.

Special Olympics Southwestern Area 12 is requesting \$5,000.00 in support of expenses incurred for the advancement to state level competitions for the Special Olympics athletes (415) residing in Madison County. A motion to approve \$5,000.00 to support the athletes was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Durbin.

### **Approval of Annual Report**

A motion to approve the annual report was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Petrillo.

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

Ms. Roth made a few announcements about upcoming trainings, conferences and other events including the sharing of outcome data on the Integrated Healthcare grant program at WellSpring Resources. She briefly made note of the current state budget debacle which would greatly hurt the services we help fund. The Community Services Block Grant Advisory Council that she serves on has been separated from the County Grants Committee and new members have been appointed to the committee represent several municipalities and private organizations. The Council is also now meeting at the Community Development building at the usual time of 3:30 quarterly.

Ms. Roth also announced the Annual Report was finished and mailed out. She told the Board of the website update and timeline that is being facilitated by Information Systems Department at no cost. Ms. Roth also announced that our annual Association Dues was lowered considerably from FY 2014 due to a change in leadership.

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting was made by Dr. Traxler and seconded by Mr. Hunter at 5:20 p.m.