



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE March 3, 2011 Meetings

On March 3, 2011 Kathleen Wilson, President called a meeting of the 708 Board to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Street, Oregon, Illinois, at the call of the secretary and a notice given to each board member and on notice posted at the Ogle County Courthouse and Ogle County Sheriff's Office. Kathleen Wilson presided.

The secretary called the roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Wilson, President, Louise Hall, Treasurer Wendy Howarter, Seth McCause, Laura Medlar and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: James Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Craig Carpenter of Village of Progress, Rose Krause of Ogle County Hospice, Ruth Carter of Help Offer Protective Environment (HOPE of Ogle County) Kathleen Kurtz of Easter Seals Children's Development Center and Susan Loyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

The Chair announced a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the agenda as presented. Louise Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the February minutes was done. **Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the February meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Laura Medlar. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for March was done. **Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the vouchers for March as submitted. Louise Hall seconded. Motion carried six ayes, no nays.**

After reviewing the financial reports for March. **A motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to approve the financial reports for March. Wendy Howarter seconded. Motion carried six ayes, no nays.**

Officer's Reports:

Kathe Wilson reminded LSSI and Easter Seals Children Development Center of the importance of their information on the quarterly report to the Ogle County Board.

Newspaper article for March is Hospice.

Unfinished Business:

Dorothy Bowers had nothing to report regarding our newsletter to the County Board.

Louise Hall of the Community that Cares Program reported that she had met with Amy Adams this past week and instead of being on the county board she will be on the steering committee and will be helping with the planning. To assess children's mental health and find providers to get services. Attached is a summary of what they are planning to do. The first meeting for Louise Hall will be next week and she will keep us up to date on the process.

Dorothy Bowers of the Shinning Star Program reported that they are having their kick off tonight for the Walk that will be held this summer. It will be at Spurgens in Dixon at 5:30 pm if anyone would like to attend.

The video " A Crises in Caring " reported no new viewings.

Human Services Directory and Agency Brochure are still being delivered.

New Business:

During the discussion of Mid-Year Reports Kathe Wilson brought to everyone's attention the importance of stating a clear picture of client hours in the different agencies. After going over the reports a dollar amount of what we provide to each agency was provided and it shows how the agencies are being very frugal with the funds that they receive.

Dates were confirmed for the funding hearings.

Agency reports:

Kathleen Kurtz and Missy Wilson of Easter Seals Children's Development Center – Kathleen Kurtz reported that the litigation that was going on has come to a halt at this time. And Patty Hobbs the Family Support Specialist will be moving to Ogle County in March.

Spring is busy with two family matters trainings, parent teacher collaboration was one and two parent from Ogle County attended that and five families from Ogle County attended the behavior and discipline meeting. These meetings are like 3.5 hours and you have to give families a lot of credit for attending these after they have worked all day.

Plans are going ahead for the annual Mother's Retreat in late September or early October.

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress – Craig Carpenter reported that they had just received some good news from Wal Clipper has renewed the Costco contract which is great for the Village that represents about 30% of the work for the village and that Wal Clipper has provided 65% of the sub contract sales. We are disappointed that the Herman Building still remains without a tenant, although we are storing the inventory of Wal Clipper in part of the building. The Costco job is shipped directly from Oregon to the Costco stores.

Kable News has been on contract with the Janitorial Service of the Village a year ago for \$10,000 a month and now it is only \$2,400 a month and soon they will completely discontinue this service. Quebecor and Quad Graphics are also ending this spring and they were also a sizable contract for the Village.

The Polar Plunge will be coming up this weekend at Rock Cut State Park for the Northwest Area Special Olympic and not specific to the Village

Local Special Olympics competed with two teams recently in February at Byron at the regional tournament and one of the teams won and they will advance and play in the state games in Bloomington next month.

Ruth Krause of Ogle County Hospice – Rose Krause reported that the Serenity House is being used like it was meant to be at this time we are serving from three to five clients every since November.

Ruth Carter Director of Hope – Ruth Carter reported that they have a full house and are fortunate to have a volunteer that has been helping a great deal along with the staff at making a difference for these clients. Walk ins have increased

Due to the State Budget we are restructuring because we do not know what cuts will be handed to us.

Susan Loyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Susan Loyd reported on an effort to help clients find their services new information has been given out at the Police stations regarding help for runaways. At the present time LSSI has only four counselors and they are assigned to each case depending on the particular juvenile situation.

The future funding from the state is in the process of shifting from DCFS to the Juvenile Justice Program and we are not sure what will happen.

Susan Loyd also informed us that this would be the last year for the Bid For Youth Auction.

Jim Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc – Jim Sarver reported that in the past six months that our Emergency and Crises services off site or on site, after hours or during regular hours or have reported that they have gone up 8.6% and this last month it has gone up 18%. That is what we are dealing with, if we are not seeing them on site

we are seeing them in the emergency rooms as opposed to receiving services. The first ten days of last month we saw more people in a crises situation than in any average month in our history. We had 40 or 42 emergency assessments in the first two weeks. They maybe were coming in for a group service or regular and can not afford it so they are going to emergency services and hospitalization because people cannot afford to get help.

Jim Sarver reported that they have an open caseload of 5,000 but are only providing services to 1,251 adults and 262 children which means that 25% of the client base is receiving fewer services due to less funding. Cuts just in substance abuse that are projected for FY11-12 statewide there will be 55,000 open cases will no longer be open and elimination of 5,000 employees. People are really loosing out.

Kim James reported that one positive angle is a Federal Grant where we have added in the past year for regarding Recovery Oriented System of Care which is a Substance Abuse Grant, we do have specialist that are staffed and can go out into the home or community with clients that have a substance abuse diagnosis that may also have a mental health diagnosis and so we have been able to for those clients who can not afford their service, if there is substance abuse as well we have been able to help them. This has been a very positive thing. Many of the kids in Focus House have a substance abuse issue and we may provide a treatment service while they are there, but once they go back into the community or into the home they are working with Recovery Oriented System of Care to continue that care.

The Governor said he would not balance the budget on the needy and then cut all Medicaid dollars for Substance Abuse. After protesting they are now planning to cut only in half. We do not know what they are going to do. We have always gone with the prevention theory, but they are now planning to eliminate the Prevention and Substance Abuse Programs.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2011 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: April 14, 2011

Kathleen Wilson, President

Louise Hall, Secretary/Treasurer