



## OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

### MINUTES OF THE November 4, 2010 Meetings

On November 4, 2010, 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 Laura Medlar, Wendy Howarter, Susan Schroeder, Seth McCanse and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

**ABSENT:** Marcia Heuer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James Sarver of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice, Ruth Carter of Help Offer Protective Environment (HOPE of Ogle County) Kathleen Kurtz and Missy Wilson of Easter Seals Children's Development Center, Craig Carpenter of Village of Progress 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. Laura Medlar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the October minutes was done. **Wendy Howarter moved to approve the October meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Seth McCanse. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for November was done. **Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the vouchers for November as submitted. Susan Schroeder seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and one absent.**

After reviewing the financial reports for November. **A motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to approve the financial reports for November. Susan Schroeder seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and one absent.**

**Officer's Reports:**

Newspaper article for October was Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and November is Hospice.

Lorrie Bearrows requested permission from the 708 Board and Agencies to put an article in the paper regarding the wonderful the social service agencies that we are fortunate to have here in Ogle County that are partially funded by the tax dollars and community dollars.

**Unfinished Business:**

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

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

After discussion of the By Laws **Dorothy Bowers moved to approve them as they are with no changes. Wendy Howarter seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and one absent.**

Human Services Directory will be ready for the next meeting.

Review of Brochure was done and new ones will be printed to go along with the Human Services Directory.

Funding for FY11 was discussed. At this time we are informed that there will be no increase for the agencies. Discussion was held as to whether the \$25,000 extra given to Sinnissippi, Inc. was one time or on going programs. Then tabled until next month.

**New Business:**

It was decided to continue meeting on the first Thursday of the month, with the same time schedule as now for next year.

It was **moved by Susan Schroeder to adopt the same budget as presented at the November meeting. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and one absent.**

**Agency reports:**

**Susan Loyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois** – reported no cuts in the state. DHS is going through some major restructuring and that is where it is going. Ogle County Youth Services continue.

**Ruth Carter Director of Hope** – Ruth Carter reported that the fundraiser in October and the Open House of the resale store in Rochelle went well, lots of work for the volunteers, but raised \$4,000 so it was successful. They tried to get Domestic Violence information and the Human Service Directory to all the Beauty Shops in the county.

Hope was highlighted in the Environmental Magazine and it was a great article.

They have three families and two single women in shelter.

The new roof is on the transitional housing and siding is there ready to put on. We are looking for grant funding and have been looking at HUD Funding, which is a new experience.

**Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice** – Lorrie Bearrows reported that the Annual Memorial Service would be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the afternoon at the Ebenezer Reform Church at no charge for the use of the facility. They usually have around 100 to 120 people attend the memorial service. The groups have had to be divided because there are so many attending the meetings. The results are stunning.

The Serenity Home extra care is not part of the bereavement program, but we certainly are spending a lot of time interacting with these families. We have had many families that are young and it is a lot different than the elderly that have had many years struggling with a disease and such to deal with. We are very grateful for the Serenity Home to be able to meet those needs. We are grateful for the funds you provide for this service that is mandated by the government but not funded.

We are planning a Memorial Tree Fund on the grounds to remember a loved one, by dedicating a tree at the cost of \$150 and they will have a plaque on the tree in memory of or whatever and an angel on top with white lights. We are calling them Angel Trees. Having the Community Coordinator has been just wonderful.

Lorrie Bearrows reported that they (HOSPICE) are the number one hospice in the nation percentage wise. That is the number one in the nation for certified hospice nurses.

**Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress** – Craig Carpenter reported that on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm they would be holding the 41<sup>st</sup> annual banquet at St. Mary's Learning Center. It is a Roast Beef Dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. He invited everyone to come and enjoy the evening.

They just received notice that they will be receiving a 22-passenger bus before the month is over with a lift from the State. This will replace one of the older vehicles. This is an IDOT fund and we received the grant information to fill out for next year. The year after that it might not be available. This is really important to us because we have seven routes that we do daily picking up over one hundred clients to work at the village. We need to keep our vehicles in excellent shape and this will really help.

Sub-contract work is still good thanks to Wahl Clipper we are still keeping busy. We are still using the Herman building for the overflow. We did have a tenant looking at the building last month and hope something will happen. The Park District is using a portion of the building where Jon Barnhart is painting two large murals to be placed in Oregon

The State has released some funds for July and August, but missed Feb, March, April, May and June. We find no reason what they are doing. Time will tell.

**Kathleen Kurtz and Missy Wilson of Easter Seals Children's Development Center** – Kathleen Kurtz reported that on November 9<sup>th</sup> the Ogle County Autism Support Group would hold a program at St Mary's in Byron from 6 to 8 entitled "Picky Eaters".

Looking for grant money for the Mom's Retreat.

Santa Clause is to appear for the groups is all set up.

DFI money from the Federal Government is coming in.

**Jim Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc** – Jim Sarver reported that they have expanded the DUI evaluations in the Oregon and Rochelle Offices and the numbers seem to be going up.

The Rochelle High School has requested a grief group meeting and it is a couple hours a week at the Rochelle Hospital.

Money has come in but they do not tell you what it is for and we are still trying to track what they are paying us for.

The Community that Cares Project held a meeting just recently and Louise Hall was not informed about it as she is our representative, so Jim Sarver will let her know when the next meeting is going to be. They have about 85 participants countywide. It is great.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be December 2, 2010 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Recording Secretary

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Kathleen Wilson, President

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Louise Hall, Secretary/Treasurer