



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE October 6, 2011 Meetings

On October 6, 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, Seth McCause, Thomas Smith, and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT: Laura Medlar, Louise Hall, Treasurer and Wendy Howarter, Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT: James Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Craig Carpenter of Village of Progress, Lorrie Bearrows 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.

Amy Adams, Communities that Care Coordinator through Illinois Children's Health Care Foundation. Explained about the system that cares for children's mental health program is to promote the optimum in wellness in children from conception to the age of eighteen and in the past year they have done a community analysis, household survey and many focus groups to identify all the needs across Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside and Lee Counties and told us who they have partnered with to do this five year program.

As of September 1st they have started dated to look at and examine various programs in the four county areas. We have partnered with sites on screening children's, assessments is it comprehensive, treatment and is being effective are families improving as a result of the treatment. Looking at building a leadership in the government where agencies are coming together given the limited resources and really looking at each other's funding strengths and bringing resources to our area. The Illinois Children's Health Care Foundation has hired a consultant to help us through this and to help us build

sustainability with these programs so they can continue with these programs if they are effective. The consultant is Dr. Chasnoff of Chicago.

There will be two separate evaluations done. One is the local evaluation we have put in place to look at outcome measurers of each of these partnerships and programs and the other one is to look at assessment and treatment.

Approval of Agenda: **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the agenda with the additions under Other Business to include discussion regarding November meeting. Tom Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the September minutes was done. **Tom Smith moved to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Seth McCanse. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for October was done. **Seth McCanse moved to approve the vouchers for October as submitted. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried four ayes, no nays and three absent.**

After reviewing the financial reports for October. **A motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to approve the financial reports for October. Tom Smith seconded. Motion carried four ayes, no nays and three absent.**

Officer's Reports:

Newspaper article for October is LSSI.

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

Louise Hall of the Community that Cares Program was absent.

Dorothy Bowers of the Shinning Star Program reported that they will meet prior to our next meeting and she will have more then.

Unfinished Business:

A new employee at Ogle County Hospice viewed the video "A Crises in Caring".

Kathe Wilson reported that we possibly would receive an increase with regards to our funding request. It will not be voted on until November. If we do receive an increase we will have to review our original request because we are not getting what we have requested. We originally requested \$817,000. and the committee is looking at giving us \$810,000.00. Nothing definite at this time.

Human Services Directory information was divided among the members to call and confirm information this is done and ready to print and Agency Brochure are being reviewed for any changes and corrections by the agencies then to be printed.

Kathe Wilson reported the Funding Application has been reviewed the board agreed with the changes. **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the Funding Application as amended. Tom Smith seconded. Motion carried four ayes, no nays and three absent.**

Kathe Wilson presented the changes in the Three Year Plan after reviewing the same **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the Three Year Plan as amended. Tom Smith seconded. Motion carried four ayes, no nays and three absent.**

On September 28th Cecilia Zimmerman met with Dave Wooton from the State of Illinois Archive Department and he went through our files and will be sending me information regarding what can be destroyed and what is to be retained. Then we can finalize the Retention and Destruction Policy.

New Business:

Any Other Business:

Due to the fact that we will not have the figures for the upcoming year. **Seth McCause moved to not meet in November. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried four ayes, no nays and three absent.**

Agency reports:

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress – Craig Carpenter reported that they are planning the Annual Village of Progress Banquet on November 16th at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Learning Center. Everyone is invited to attend; we try to keep the focus on the consumers.

Craig Carpenter also complimented the Oregon Park District for their cooperation in the new Park West Addition joining a Board Walk that is wheel chair accessible from the Village you can also access the Nursing Home and the new Senior Center through the park for the clients use.

Currently Wahl Clipper is still giving us work and we are able to keep these students busy. We are very concerned with the Governors plan to close two facilities in our area, which will affect our cleaning services program in the amount of \$330,000. and a large effect on the town of Dixon.

They have a new RN, Jessica Armbruster.

Susan Loyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Susan Loyd reported that DHS has informed them that in addition to eliminating the Youth Program they also eliminating the DFI program which is supportive counseling. The only program left at this point is the CCBYS and that is going up for bid. The RFP Grant is not out yet and once it comes up we will apply for it and I believe we have a strong chance of getting it.

Some of the supportive counseling services can be absorbed through the emergency assistance program. At this time we will no longer be able to participate in before crises situations.

Susan Loyd reported that direct client services this year they have not seen Youth Services pick up, not sure why.

Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice – Lorrie Bearrows reported that the funding was also cut from the United Way donation. Which leaves us with \$30,000 income for a \$190,000 program. The program continues to grow we have more and more people using our services. We have five programs going Coffee gathering, Movie Night, Lunch and Learn, Walking Program and Out to Dinner all are going very well. Kathy Warren the Bereavement Coordinator has a real knack for bringing people together. They are real excited to see the number of people that are participating. Our Movie Night has now been divided into two groups because we have to many for one evening. Kathy Warren is doing more and more and not getting paid for her efforts. First thing is that we need to pay off our mortgage and then we can pay our employees. Last year we did not receive \$250,000 that we were hoping to receive. Hopefully this year we will not lose that much.

Kathleen Kurtz of Easter Seals Children’s Development Center – Kathleen handed out a calendar that Patty Mook puts together every month so that we can get a better idea of just what is going on and when and where. She is very focused on training for families. Our fall retreat for Moms was very very successful. 35 moms attended and four of these women did not have to pay because of a program called Stillman Valley Gives Back they provided the registration fee for the ladies from Ogle County. Seven ladies from Ogle County attended. When they arrived they were escorted in on a Red Carpet and their luggage was carried in for them. The theme for the event was “You are a Star” they were treated to nurturing activities, massages, manicure, pedicures and door prizes.

Ruth Carter Director of Hope – Ruth Carter reported that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and we always do a fundraiser, which will be on October 22nd at Hope Chest “Twice Loved Boutique” from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are highlighting Purple Light Bulbs for your outdoor lighting and to show your support and they can be purchased at Hope Chest or Country Financial at 115 South Fourth Street in Oregon.

We are holding the Cloths Line Project, which is in the window and a display of children’s artwork from the center. WRHL will be talking today about Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the fund raising event.

James Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc – Jim Sarver reported that this weekend is Mental Health Week and today is National Depression Day and we will be doing screening in both of our offices Rochelle and Oregon between the hours of 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm this has been advertised on the Radio and the Newspapers. We will be providing wellness and mental health screenings.

We are keeping very busy our emergency services continue to increase. The emergency medical system as a result of some of the services the people can no longer afford and that is impacting on the emergency rooms as well as on the jails.

I am sure that you have heard that the Governor is going to close at December 31, 2011 mental health houses such as Chester, Tinley Park and Singer. Last night at 8:30 testimony was still going on about closing Singer. These are all state operated facilities.

Local, State Representatives and Senators are on a panel that has been commissioned by the department and a number of presenters and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget were there as well as the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Department of Mental Health and Human Services and a number of other dignitaries. Both continuing to operate it and come up with a different plan were being discussed.

James Sarver has personally participated in a planning sessions and they have submitted eight plans which include nine counties and up to seventeen. Plan to close and transition the very expensive home care system for hospitalization into a restrictive but a not for profit base for the community.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be December 8, 2011 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: December 8, 2011

Kathleen Wilson, President

Louise Hall, Secretary/Treasurer