OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE
September 1, 2011 Meetings

On September 1, 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, Vice President, Laura Medlar, Seth McCanse, Thomas Smith, and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT: John Finfrock and Bill Welty have handed in their resignations to the County Board and will be replaced.

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 and Patty Mook 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 with the additions under new business to include a Moratorium for one year on the submission of Mid-Year Reports and Retention and Destruction Policies. Louise Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the August minutes was done. **Louise Hall moved to approve the August meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Seth McCanse. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for September was done**. Louise Hall moved to approve the vouchers for September as submitted. Wendy Howarter seconded. Motion carried nine ayes, no nays and no one absent.**

After reviewing the financial reports for September. A **motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to approve the financial reports for September. Laura Medlar seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and two absent.**

Officer's Reports:

Kathe Wilson reported that she has met with the HEW Committee on Wednesday August 24th and we will have a report later in the meeting

Newspaper article for September is Village of Progress.

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

Louise Hall of the Community that Cares Program reported that on August 17th they were informed that they had been awarded the five year grant from the Illinois Children's Foundation (ILCHF) in the amount of two million dollars to be used for a five year project. All of the programs have been approved and they are now ready to take applications. They will be hiring someone for each of the Counties to develop the programs. The purpose is to evaluate children from pre-birth to age 18 for physical, emotional and social needs. Lots of evaluations and excitement.

Kim James is going to ask Amy Adams of ILCHF to come and speak to us again regarding the Community that Cares grant.

Dorothy Bowers of the Shinning Star Program reported that they will be meeting at the end of the month of September, but she will be attending another meeting and not be available to attend.

Kathe Wilson and Bill Welty looked over the Funding Application and made some changes and copies will be sent to the board for review and discussion at the next meeting.

The review of the Mid-Year Report to be discussed later in the agenda.

Unfinished Business:

The video " A Crises in Caring " no new showings.

Kathe Wilson tried to explain how the funds available to the 708 Board are arrived at. John Coffman told her that one-third of the money comes from Exelon and the remainder comes from the general fund. At this time Exelon will only pay $.74 for every one hundred dollar ($100.00) that they are evaluated at. If we ask for more money then it would have to come from the county fund and they feel they would have to raise taxes to do that. After much discussion it was decided that we do not have a clear answer to why we are being denied funds that are being applied for. Kathe Wilson will contact State's Attorney, Ben Roe and ask for clarification on the matter. Each member is going to speak to county board members of the Finance Committee and Health Education and Welfare Committee and express their concern that the matter is not being handled in the correct way.

Dorothy Bowers brought to the Boards attention why the two new board members (William Welty and John Finfrock) were resigning is that in viewing the Community Mental Health Act on the second page 1873 about halfway down the page it reads **that only one County Board Member shall be a member of the governing board.** Discussion regarding the replacement of the two 708 Board Members that are handing in their resignations followed. **Kathe Wilson moved to request the Chairman of the County Board appoint the two new 708 Board Members now instead of waiting for the process to develop. Louise Hall seconded.** After discussing this matter **Kathe Wilson amended her motion to add please give strong consideration to the recent applicants. Louise Hall seconded. On Roll Call vote Seth – No, Louise – Yes, Kathe – No, Dorothy – No, Laura – No, Wendy – No and Tom – Yes. Motion failed five no and two yes.**

New Business:

By-Laws were reviewed **motion was made by Seth McCanse to approve the Ogle County Community Health 708 Board By-Laws as presented. Seconded by Dorothy Bowers.**

Human Services Directory information was divided among the members to call and confirm information before the next meeting and Agency Brochure are being reviewed for any changes and corrections by the agencies.

Kathe Wilson and Tom Smith will review three Year Plan and any changes or revisions brought back to the next meeting.

After discussion regarding Mid Year Report a **motion was made by Seth McCanse to have a one year moratorium on the Mid Year Report.FY 2012. Second by Wendy Howarter. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and two absent.**

A policy needs to be set for the destruction and retention of records and Tom Smith will work with Cecilia Zimmerman regarding setting up a policy to follow.

Agency reports:

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress – Craig Carpenter reported that they have had a number of Special Ed Students (15 of them from around the county) recently working through the SORE Program, which has been in place for three years now. The older students 18-22 that are still involved in special education can attend school and do transitional types of things for them to do and they might come from one to five days a week to the Village of Progress and most of them are involved in our regular programs.
These students are paid for their time at work and it looks like it will become a great feeder system for us. Once these people do graduate I am afraid that the state will not pick them up and they will be dropped. We will still call on them if we have work that they can do and try to keep them involved. Currently Wahl Clipper is still giving us work and we are able to keep these students busy.

Craig had gone to the library and looked for information regarding the original referendum of 1968 and made copies for everyone. (see attached)

Ruth Carter Director of Hope – Ruth Carter reported that they Cathy is now the Transitional Housing Advocate and we are looking for a person to take over as the Emergency Shelter Coordinator. We have a new intern working for us and she also works at the probation office, which is good because she has connections at the county level. At the present time wee have 26 people in shelter, which is a large number.

We held an open house at the transitional housing and invited everyone who has helped at all to come and see the end project. Special recognition was given to Don Kinn and the Probation Department for their consistent help in seeing this project through.

Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice – Lorrie Bearrows reported that Ogle County Hospice is the only hospice out of the 14 hospices in the area that do Bereavement Care. It is one of the requirements if you are a hospice organization and she presented a list of all these hospice organizations to us. They are just published in the Ogle County Life an article on How to Choose a Hospice.
Lorrie Bearrows reminded us that the agencies that we support are Jewels of Ogle County and wants to make everyone aware of the devaluation and the destruction of the Family Unit that is causing horrible problems from birth all the way to death. We see people that are virtually abandoned within their home setting and because of the laws, rules and etc nothing really can be done about it. Trying to meet the needs of the terminally ill and the cycle social needs has become more and more and more difficult of these services to do what we do.

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.

Susan Loyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Susan Loyd reported DHS has sent an e-mail stating that they will be funding the same amount as last year one day and then the next day something else comes through. I guess we will have to wait until October 31st to find out what they are really planning on giving us.

Susan Loyd reported that during the summer they do not have as much contact with juveniles but once school starts they start seeing Youth Services to pick up and more and more referrals.

Kathleen Kurtz and Patti Mook of Easter Seals Children's Development Center – Patty Hobbs, Family Support Specialist at Easter Seals has been there for 12 years reported that due to the lack of funding it has became very hard to keep providing services to those in need with all the budget cuts we have gone from four people to one to carry out the programs. Department of Rehabilitation Services is planning to cut hours of services and I have been working very hard to help our families in Ogle County. I am looking for Special Education Advocacy help and Behavioral Support. It is very hard on the families.

Our fall retreat for Moms is coming up and we are working on this. A group called Stillman Valley Gives Back is one of our sponsors. At the present time we have 20 moms registered and four are from Ogle County. If moms take care of themselves they are better providers to their siblings. We provide lots of information at these retreats.

Kim James of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc – Kim James reminded everyone to vote on R.K.Dixon has a $15,000 grant that they are offering to not for profit agencies like you and ours have to put together an application and then it is voted on by computer entries.

They have been awarded the Community that Cares five year grant at a meeting the other day they talked about the screening and the assessment tools and the list goes on and on for different populations to serve and there are about nineteen partners in this screening grant for additional assessment. It is very exciting.

We now have two new youth groups in Oregon and Rochelle Offices the group is for adolescent teen girls, which have a personality disorder.

Dorothy Bowers commented on the fact that the HEW Committee is planning to cut the budget by 10% from last years budget. The committee does not understand that the Ogle County Community Mental Health 708 Board is a stand-alone referendum. How can they not give us what we are requested?

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be September 1, 2011 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: October 6, 2011

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