



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE

February 4, 2010 Meetings

On February 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, Susan Schroeder, Vice President, Louise Hall, Treasurer, Marcia Heuer, Wendy Howarter, Laura Medlar and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT: Emery Harmon

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

The Chair announced a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the agenda with the addition of Emery Harmon to Unfinished Business. Susan Schroeder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Before we approve the vouchers for February Marcia Heuer explained the situation regarding the Fourteen Thousand Dollars that we had given to Sinnissippi Centers and the Village of Progress. These funds have to be included in the Funding Request that will be doing in May of this year for the Funding Year 2011. **Marcia Heuer moved to**

approve the vouchers for February as submitted. Louise Hall seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and one absent.

After reviewing the financial report for February. **A motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to approve the financial report for February as presented. Laura Medlar seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and one absent.**

Officer's Reports:

Newspaper article for January was Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. about Substance Abuse and February we will have Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

Unfinished Business:

The video " A Crises in Caring " Lorrie Bearrows has shown the video recently to doctoral student.

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress delivered to the meeting the Human Services Directory and Agency Brochures. Louise Hall had divided up the names by City and gave everyone a packet to deliver.

The One Year Plan was reviewed and amended. **Louise Hall moved to accept the One Year Plan as amended. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried seven ayes, no nays and one absent.**

Budget Analyses Mil Rate was discussed.

Emery Harmon's absenteeism was discussed. He has been sent a letter in the mail; he has been e-mailed and phoned with no response. Kathe Wilson is going to send him another letter. If he does not respond within 30 days then we as a 708 Board can request the Chairman of the County Board to have him removed for non-participation.

New Business:

Collection of the Mid-Year Reports

Dates for hearings were reviewed and approved as follows:

May 6, 2010 7:00 am Regular Board Meeting
 7:30 am Village of Progress

May 11, 2010 7:00 am Hope
 8:00 am Easter Seals Children Development Center

May 13, 2010 7:00 am Sinnissippi Center, Inc.

May 18, 2010 7:00 am Lutheran Social Services Inc
8:00 am Hospice

May 20, 2010 7:00 am Discussion and decision
Followed by a Board Meeting including election of officers

The Meeting Schedule for this year was reviewed and **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the Meeting Schedule as presented. Wendy Howarter seconded. Motion carried.**

Kathe Wilson will be sending by e-mail the 708 Challenge.

Agency reports:

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress – Craig Carpenter reported that the State have been pretty good about payments lately, much better than last year.

The Block Grant is ending, that the Village has been receiving for 40 years it was extended until June for regular employment. There is a switchover time window at which time we hopefully will be able to convert about 20 of our clients into that program. Puns candidates will be drawn out for service and some may never get the opportunity for service. There are a couple hundred people in this Pun and it is just a random drawing. High School graduates will also go into this Puns pool and they may be there forever. Fee for service type will be the norm

We have been awarded the Contract with Wahl Clipper to do the Cosco project. They will be using 10,000 to 15,000 square feet of the building. We are still trying to lease the front 38,000 square feet.

Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice – Hospice has received some Medicaid Funds but the State is still 120 to 150 days out on paying.

Movie night at the Serenity Home generates a lot of conversation and dialogue. We have had 10 to 12 people coming once a month to share popcorn and stories afterwards. It has really been creating a lot of dialogue and conversation among the guest. It has been wonderful.

When Hospice comes to do the Funding Application presentation, we would like to bring the new video to share with the 708 Board. It is also available to do presentations. The Foundation promoted and paid for this new video.

The National Hospice Group recommends reserves of at least nine months to a year.

Kathleen Kurtz and Missy Wilson of Easter Seals Children's Development Center – Kathleen Kurtz reported that one of the funding streams into the family support programs is the Developmental Disabilities and the funds come from the Department of Human Services and no funding has been received this fiscal year. We are still providing services and on February 20th we will be holding Special Education Training at the Ogle County Special Ed Coop.

Rochelle services have expanded we have met with a parent mentor with the support group in Rochelle and are joining forces with them.

They will be attending the Byron Middle School Resource Fair in March.

Also doing a Family Fun Night in March for siblings and families with disabilities.

Looking at renting a theater for children with disabilities to be able to go see a movie.

Ruth Carter Director of Hope –We are behind in funding also so no one has been hired to the opening. We will be starting up a Parenting Program for residents and walk in clients at the shelter. New emphasis on financial counseling is happening

Planning to open a Thrift Shop in downtown Rochelle area.

Susan Loyd, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Susan Loyd reported that they have provided counseling to clients at the Chana School once a week.

Jim Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc – Kim James reported that Rochelle Middle School is also doing a Resource Fair in March. The League of Women Voters are holding a State of the State Dinner on April 1st and has asked Sinnissippi Centers, Inc., Focus House and a couple more agencies to come and do a presentation regarding economic times.

Jim Sarver reported in response to the State of Illinois funding they are about \$1.4 million behind in payments. We were very happy to receive a payment for SAS – Kids Screening Program although they are still behind. This is a very expensive program to run.

On April 23rd is our Annual Expressions Art Sale and Auction at the Next Picture Show in Dixon. This is our second largest fundraisers and attended for the Foundation.

As for our Mid-Year Report you will notice that as the State of Illinois restricts some of the funding for some of the various categories of who is eligible and who is not eligible for services and what services they get. Two of our most expensive programs increased our Emergency Services and Psychiatric Services we have more intakes now as a result of some of the programs being limited one of those programs being our Clinical Services for the seriously mental ill. They have tightened that down so tight that our emergency services have increased. Do to other programs being eliminated.

On a regular basis Sinnissippi Centers, Inc Trade Association regularly ask Illinois Leaders for their positions on Mental Health Issues. We will keep you informed regarding this issue.

Sinnissippi Centers Ins reserves are now their operating capital.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2010 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: March 4, 2010

Kathleen Wilson, President

Louise Hall, Secretary/Treasurer