



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE

February 7, 2008 Meeting

On February 7, 2008, Gordon Dockerty, Vice 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 vice president and a notice given to each board member and on notice posted at the Ogle County Courthouse and Ogle County Sheriff's Office. Gordon Dockerty presided.

The secretary called the roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Dockerty, Vice-President, Marcia Heuer, Kathleen Wilson, Treasurer, Clifford Knapp and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT: Susan Schroeder, President, Louise Hall, Emery Harmon, Sherri Egan and Jim Mielke, Ogle County Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Carpenter of Village Of Progress; Jim Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice, Judy Netz of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and Tony Rocha and Jennifer Simms of Easter Seals Children's Development Center

The Chair announced a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Clifford Knapp. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the December minutes was done. **Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the minutes for the December meeting as presented. Seconded by Gordon Dockerty. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for February was done. **Dorothy Bowers moved to do a telephone survey, of the members not present, to approve the vouchers for December as submitted. Seconded by Clifford Knapp. Motion carried three ayes, no nays and six absent.**

After reviewing the financial report for February. **A motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to do a telephone survey, of the members not present, to approve the financial report for February as presented. Clifford Knapp seconded. Motion carried three ayes, no nays and six absent.**

Officer's Reports:

Kathe Wilson was not present and will be working with LSSI for February and Hospice for March's newspaper articles.

Emery Harmon was absent for this meeting. Questionnaire information not available at this time.

Unfinished Business:

The video "A Crises in Caring":

The Human Services Directory and the new Brochure regarding the agencies are here and each member will help themselves to what they think they will need for distribution to: Schools, Doctors, Lawyers, Industry, Churches City Clerks, and Village's are all put together for each city or village in Ogle County. These lists have been divided up among the members of the 708 Board for delivery.

New Business:

Agency Mid Year Reports have been delivered to all 708 Board Members. At the March meeting time will be set aside for discussion of each agency report.

Dates and times were confirmed with the agencies for the funding hearings and a letter was sent to the Court Reporter requesting a Court Reporter for the funding hearings.

Review of By-Laws was tabled until next month

Approval of the letterhead to be used when the Quarterly Report of the Agencies is sent to the County Board Members was done.

Appoint a committee to review the three year plan was tabled.

Agency Reports:

Jennifer Simms of Easter Seals Children's Development Center and Tony Rocha
Tony Rocha reported that at their Annual Christmas Family Outing they invited all the

families to an outing with diner included and this year many fathers were in attendance. Usually the fathers are at home with the siblings while the mothers attend the monthly meetings. This allowed the father's time to visit with each other and learn more about what can be done.

Now Easter Seals is facilitating the Autism Parent Group and it is going very well.

Recently Miss Sims and myself (Tony Rocha) were interviewed by the local newspaper regarding Autism in the article they presented two different views. Miss Sims as a facilitator and myself as a parent. It was a very good article indicating where they meet and where to get information if someone was interested.

On February 23rd they will be hosting their Fourth Annual Family Fun Day at Byron High School. It is an opportunity for the families with disabilities and autism to be together to swim and visit with each other with food also provided. This is for everyone in the family.

They encourage everyone in Ogle County to get the word out about these groups and what they have to offer. They send notes to the schools, but are not sure that these notes are getting home to the parents.

On April 4th they will be hosting an Inclusive All County Family Fun Night at the Ice Arena. Rockford Therapeutic Recreation Department helps with this event. We also provide a meal for this event.

Jennifer Sims reports that they have received the Autism Grant and are using it to provide resources and family support. They are providing training for first responders. Tony Rocha added that his is going to really be helpful for someone to come in and find the resources that they need and help for their families. They can attend training and meet with someone one on one it is going to be so wonderful to have this information available to them.

The Jelly Bean Ball is coming up on March 8th from 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Giovanni's and the entertainment will also include the Magic of Willie Wonka.

Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice reports that January and February are down times after the busy holiday season. All the groups are full.

They are looking at developing new programs in the groups. One of the most important things is to have someone to talk to that has gone through the same situation so we are developing Mentoring Program so that someone can help someone else as they go along.

We have received a small donation and are using this to buy certain books for the Bereavement Library

We are also looking to hire a LSW or MSW to handle our social service program. We feel that our social service department will be growing once we open the new facility and we are getting prepared for this.

We have 2.5 million in pledges for the new facility and today we are going over some of the bids and hope to start construction in March.

Judy Netz of Lutheran Social Services reports that in December they started providing services to Meridian Schools and Stillman Valley. They have added another part-time counselor.

The Bid for Youth Auction is scheduled for April 25th at St. Mary School in Oregon.

Donna Moulton of Hope reported that had thirty-six families adopted by other members of the community that provided various items to them, which helped them get through the holidays.

Hope is in collaboration with Rockford Sexual Assault to provide help for someone who has assaulted as a child, looking at issues that have not been resolved. Also providing substance abuse counseling for clients by Sinnissippi Centers.

Parenting groups primarily in shelter but also for walk-ins experiencing trauma.

Providing High School presentations regarding Healthy Relationships

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress reported that late in December they held their Annual Christmas Diner and served about 25 clients. The Oregon High School Madrigal Singers performed.

The Christmas Wish List Program is in its 16th year and in the first year we received 15 contributions and this year we received 130 donations, which amounted to over \$16,000, which was the second highest year. 2006 was \$600 more than this year.

They have two new board members Susan Swegle, who is the Resource Director at Wood's Equipment. Bill Tallyn joined in December.

Craig Carpenter reported that the Angel Ball provided \$12,250 in funds to each of the following: Rotary Foundation, Hospice and the Village of Progress.

In January we met with the Staff of the Ogle County Educational Co-Op and they informed us that they have twelve candidates that are in transition to come next year. The state law has been changed and now a student in special education can remain in school until they reach the age of 22. Some of these candidates will look elsewhere but some will attend the Village, some maybe two days, some maybe three days a week.

Jim Sarver, of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. We are still looking for a place to build an office in Oregon and we have an appointment on Wednesday.

The Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. Board meets on Tuesday and once every year we have an annual awards presentation to staff

The Fourth Annual Expression Art Sale and Reception will be held Friday, April 25th at The Next Picture Show in Dixon. This is our second largest fundraiser. Thirty-six local artists have donated some originals and some copies.

May 16th and 17th at the Northland Mall in Sterling we will hold our Annual Art Exhibit of staff and clients.

Kim James reported that they would be part of the upcoming Rochelle Business Expo.

Dorothy Bowers moved to rescind her previous motion regarding payment of February vouchers. Clifford Knapp seconded. Motion carried.

Dorothy Bowers moved to approve payment of the February vouchers as submitted. Kathe Wilson seconded. Motion carried five ayes, no nays and four absent.

Dorothy Bowers moved to rescind her previous motion regarding the Financial Statement for February. Clifford Knapp seconded. Motion carried.

Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the Financial Statement for February as submitted. Marcia Heuer seconded. Motion carried five ayes, no nays and four absent.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 6, 2008 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: March 6, 2008

Gordon Dockerty, Vice President

Kathleen Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer