

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD

Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Russ Hiatt (Chairman), Mr. David Harby, Mrs. Anne Sacheli, Mrs. Kay Smoot

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Christine Budnovich, Mr. Mark Kracht, Mrs. Cheryl Rotramel, Mr. Chad Turner

IN ATTENDANCE: Thom Pollock, Dana Schaumburg, Gail Raney, Frank Brunacci, Susan Perkins, Wes Bieritz

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Russell - Executive Director

Jeri Spezia - Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Russ Hiatt called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Four members responded to roll call. Five members were absent.

Board member Curt Girouard arrived at 5:36 p.m.

ADOPTION OF/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda. Item C in New Business was struck from the agenda by request of Mr. Russell.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

MINUTES

Mr. Dave Harby moved, seconded by Mr. Curt Girouard, to approve the June 26, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion was approved by acclamation.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Russ Hiatt stated as the new Chairman he would follow the rules of the Board to the best of his ability and was open to suggestions on ways to make the meetings run smoothly and efficiently.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Russell updated the Board about CHOICES announcement to reduce care coordinators within their organization, along with Aunt Martha's Center for Children Services had several staff members resign recently. Mr. Russell also informed the Board he had contacted Dr. Rogers from Presence Hospital to see if they would be bringing any behavioral health care services to Vermilion County if the OSF/Presence merger takes effect. Dr. Rogers will keep Jim posted in the near future. Mr. Russell informed the Board he will be meeting with all the Principals in the school districts to discuss the Youth Mental Health First Aid and Complex Service Planning programs, along with the possibility of discussing mental health issues in any health classes within the schools if the schools would like to do so.

AGENCY REPORTS

WorkSource: Frank Brunacci stated WorkSource started a new sub-contracted job with Teasdale Foods in Hoopeston and from this they now have access to pallets of beans which have slight flaws. Mr. Brunacci would like to donate to local food pantries or other organizations which could use the product and requested for anyone who could benefit from this to contact him to make arrangements.

Prairie Center: Gail Raney updated the Board regarding the merger with Rosecrance. There is a projected target date of January 1, 2018. Mrs. Raney stated they did receive some recent funding from the state for prevention services and have hired a full time prevention staff member. Susan Perkins updated the board regarding Prairie Center stats. Ms. Perkins also informed the board that between the two youth counselors staffed at Prairie Center there is over 30 years of experience.

Hoopeston Multi-Agency: Dana Schaumburg updated the Board on the school supply giveaway they recently had. Mrs. Schaumburg also stated WIC would be coming to the agency twice a month starting in September.

Crosspoint: Thom Pollock suggested to notify Charity Tracker of the availability of WorkSource's canned goods, as well as to have Jim request OSF to identify and station a full time psychiatrist in Vermilion County. Mr. Pollock stated due to legislation that has recently been passed in regards to funding, Crosspoint's credit line usage of \$370,000.00 should be back at zero. Mr. Pollock also stated Crosspoint is fully staffed at this time.

Complex Service Planning: Jeri gave the Board the calendar and client stats for the Complex Service Planner.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for June and July were included in the packet for review.

MH Fund Balance as of June 30, 2017: \$281,203.33; Monthly Interest as of June 30, 2017: \$.79; Yearly Interest as of June 30, 2017: \$11.44; MH Fund Balance as of July 31, 2017: \$217,297.55; Monthly Interest as of July 31, 2017: \$1.96; Yearly Interest as of July 31, 2017: \$13.40

MOTION: Kay Smoot moved to approve the June and July financial reports. Anne Sacheli seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY '17-18 BUDGET REVISION: Mr. Russell presented the board with a revised budget due to an increase in the tax levy, along with an increase in the health insurance cost for Jeri Spezia. The insurance cost comes from state funding cuts to the County causing each department to pick up the expense for their employees. Because of the increase in the tax levy there will not be any reduction in the allotments to the agencies.

Curt Girouard moved to approve the revised FY '17-18 budget. Kay Smoot seconded the motion. The following board members voted yes:

Curt Girouard
Kay Smoot
Russ Hiatt
David Harby
Anne Sacheli

Motion approved.

BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL: Discussion ensued regarding Jim's proposal to have any balances left over in each line item of the budget year to be rolled over into the Contractual/Professional line item for disbursement to the agencies without having to present it to the 708 Board each time a proposal for amendment is necessary. Mr. Russell will check with the County committees and County Board to see if this is an option for the 708 Board to implement in the future.

David Harby moved to approve the Budget Amendment Proposal. Kay Smoot seconded the motion. Motion was approved by acclamation.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS: Mr. Russell presented an amendment to the by-law regarding the Complex Service Planner position. Discussion ensued. The amendment will be on the docket for the October 23, 2017 meeting to be voted on.

DIRECTOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Russell reminded the providers to turn in their contract proposal requests by September 22, 2017 so they will be ready for presentation at the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Dave Harby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Kay Smoot seconded the motion. Motion was approved by acclamation.

_____(Board Secretary)
Minutes prepared by Jeri Spezia

