

# **VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD**



**45th Annual Report**

**December 1, 2013 – November 30, 2014**

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**TO THE CITIZENS OF VERMILION COUNTY,**

The board of directors and staff of the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board present this Annual Report in accordance with 405 Illinois Compiled Statutes 20/3e, Paragraph (h) that requires an accounting of expenditures of the annual income received from Vermilion County Mental Health tax revenues. We are also presenting a copy of One and Three-Year Plans, which were approved this year, in this document. As always, we welcome your input.

From a historical perspective, Vermilion County funding of community services followed the 1963 Community Mental Health Centers Construction Act (PL 88-164), which was passed as a result of the deinstitutionalization movement of the 1960s that was spurred by public outcries and concern by mental health professionals about horrible conditions of state mental hospitals and patients' civil rights. That movement, along with the advent of new psychiatric medications and the belief that patients would receive better, more humane treatment in their own communities, required community mental health center (CMHC) guarantees to provide five core elements of service: outpatient, consultation, education, partial hospitalization, and emergency intervention. Over the years, several major changes occurred, including a funding shift from federal to state, and the Olmstead Act of 1999, which affirmed the rights of people with disabilities, including those with mental illness, to live in community settings. Fully aware of the need to begin the development of a comprehensive network of community based services for people with mental illness and encouraged by the passage of the federal legislation, the Illinois General Assembly approved in 1963 House Bill 708, creating the Illinois Community Mental Health Act. The act, which provided for the levy of a local tax on property pursuant to approval of a referendum, mandated the appointment of a local mental health board to plan, fund, and monitor services for people with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities and people with substance abuse issues. The Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board was established in 1968 as a result of House Bill 708 and a locally passed referendum.

With the decline and uncertainty of state funding in recent years for essential behavioral health services, it is more important than ever to maintain a safety net of local taxes for county services. During fiscal year 2014, the 708 Board allocated \$706,899.50 of local tax revenues to six service providers. These providers furnished a wide variety of behavioral health services to thousands of county residents in need of crucial care. Local funds are often the only consistent funding source for several of the agencies and all that enabled them to make payroll and keep them from closing their doors.

On behalf of the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, I am proud to present this Annual Report, which will guide our future planning and funding discussions. Please use it to learn about how your local tax dollars are supporting so many individuals and families in our county. I thank our nine member board of directors for making these accomplishments possible as they volunteered their time and expertise to administer the provisions of the Community Mental Health Act, House Bill 708.

On behalf of our board, we thank you for your support and interest.

Sincerely,

*Jim Russell*

Jim Russell, MS, LCPC  
Executive Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2013 – 2014**

<b>Mr. Harsha Gurujal – Chairman</b>	<b>Danville</b>
<b>Mr. Greg Lietz – Treasurer</b>	<b>Danville</b>
<b>Mrs. Cheryl Rotramel – Secretary</b>	<b>Danville</b>
<b>Ms. Kolleen Asaad</b>	<b>Catlin</b>
<b>Mrs. Cathy Jenkins*</b>	<b>Georgetown</b>
<b>Mrs. Linda Marron</b>	<b>Fithian</b>
<b>Mr. Keith Souza</b>	<b>Danville</b>
<b>Mrs. Kay Smoot – Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Catlin</b>
<b>Mrs. Christina Budnovich</b>	<b>Danville</b>

**\* Vermilion County Board Member**

**STAFF**

<b>Mr. Jim Russell</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>
<b>Ms. Jeri Nale</b>	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>

**VERMILION COUNTY BOARD  
HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
2012-2014**

<b>Mr. Kevin Green – Chair</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>
<b>Mrs. Ivadale Foster</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Mrs. Cathy Jenkins</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Mr. Chuck Nesbitt</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>
<b>Mr. Chad Turner</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Mr. Daniel Walls, Sr.</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Mr. Bill Wright</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>

**Some changes in these lists took place after the November 2014 election. These lists are comprised of those who were serving before Election Day.**

# VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD

## DIRECTORS 2014

*We are extremely proud of the dedication and commitment of our volunteer board of directors and wish to recognize them and their years of service on behalf of the citizens of Vermilion County.*

Mr. Gregory Lietz	22 years
Ms. Kolleen Asaad	10 years
Mrs. Kay Smoot	5 ½ years
Mr. Harsha Gurujal	4 ½ years
Mrs. Cathy Jenkins	1 year
Mrs. Linda Marron	1 year
Mrs. Cheryl Rotramel	1 year
Mr. Keith Souza	1 year
Ms. Christine Budnovich	½ year

*We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Kolleen Asaad for over 10 years of service, Mr. Harsha Gurujal for over 4 years of service, and Mr. Gregory Leitz for over 22 years of service. We wish them good luck in future endeavors.*

**VERMILION COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS  
2012-2014**

<b>John C. Alexander</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Edwin Barney</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Robert Boyd</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>John Criswell</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Larry Davis</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Mike Dodge</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>John Dreher</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Ivadale Foster</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Robert V. Fox</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Kevin Green</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>
<b>Cathy Jenkins</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Todd Johnson</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> District</b>
<b>Richard Dale Knight</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>
<b>Chris Leigh</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> District</b>
<b>Michael T. Marron**</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>
<b>Jim “Mouse” McMahon</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Dennis M. Miller</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Charles Mockbee</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>
<b>Chuck Nesbitt</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>
<b>Terry Stal</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Bruce Stark</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>W. David Stone</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>
<b>Chad Turner</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Daniel Walls, Sr.</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Garold R. “Gary” Weinard*</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> District</b>
<b>AJ Wright</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District</b>
<b>Bill Wright</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>

**\*County Board Chairman**

**\*\*County Board Vice Chairman**

The membership of the County Board changed with the November 2014 election, with new members taking office in December 2014. This list is comprised of those who were serving before Election Day.

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD  
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNT  
 DECEMBER 1, 2013 through NOVEMBER 30,2014

**REVENUE:**

County Mental Health Taxes	782,819.64
Interest Income	17.59

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>782,837.23</b>
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**EXPENDITURES:**

Salary-Personnel	6,797.50
Salary-Department Head	33,773.50
FICA	3,101.39
IMRF	3,693.21
Insurance - Liability	73.00
Office Supplies	454.58
Books/Periodicals	285.00
Travel Expense/Meetings	2,052.91
Telephone	2,955.89
Postage	643.16
Rent	1,836.00
Printing	-
Publications	72.38
Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	1,234.48
Contractual/Professional Services	706,899.50

**FY13-14 Agency Grants**

Crosspoint Human Services/Crosspoint YFRC	315,684.00
Hoopeston Multi-Agency	37,019.00
Prairie Center Health Systems	175,541.00
WorkSource	110,334.00
Wraparound	35,000.00
Peer Court	5,250.00
VC Juvenile Detention Center Counselor	25,000.00

<b>Total FY12-13 Grants</b>	<b>703,828.00</b>
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Dues/License Fees	3,956.50
Miscellaneous Services	86.46
Office Furniture/Equipment	-

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>767,915.46</b>
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<b>YEAR END MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNT BALANCE - November 30, 2014</b>	<b>510,016.51</b>
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## VERMILION COUNTY 708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

### Demographic Detail --All Agency Report

VCMHB Fiscal Year -- December 1, 2013 - November 30, 2014

	Hoopeston	WorkSource	VCJDC	Complex Ser.	Prairie Ctr.	CrossPoint Contacts
Male Clients	231	118	69	31	349	4762
Female Clients	522	53	6	20	179	4165
White Clients	632	124	37	31	341	2214
Black Clients	7	39	35	17	163	459
Hispanic Clients	109	6	6	1	16	18
Asian Clients	0	0	0	0	2	0
Other Clients	5	2	6	2	6	387
Reside Danville		133		32	348	7203
Reside N. Co.	753	17		4	54	256
Reside S. Co.		18		11	38	427
Reside W. Co.		3		4	14	134
Reside Other		0		0	74	226
Age Under 6	137	0	0	0	0	90
Age 6-12	121	0	2	14	0	255
Age 13-17	114	3	78	36	150	577
Age 18-35	103	81	5	1	259	1227
Age 36-64	108	78		0	118	1406
Age 65+	170	9		0	1	202
#Medicaid/State Grant	753	80			378	
#Self Pay-SI. Scale		4			16	
# Insurance		0			39	
VCMH Funded		83	85	51	95	
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>613</b>	3,003

**If Medicaid Billing is Capped:**

**Medicaid Cap**

**Medicaid Billed**

Note: North County is Hoopeston, Rankin, Rossville, Bismarck, Alvin, Henning, Potomac, East Lynn, all N. rural

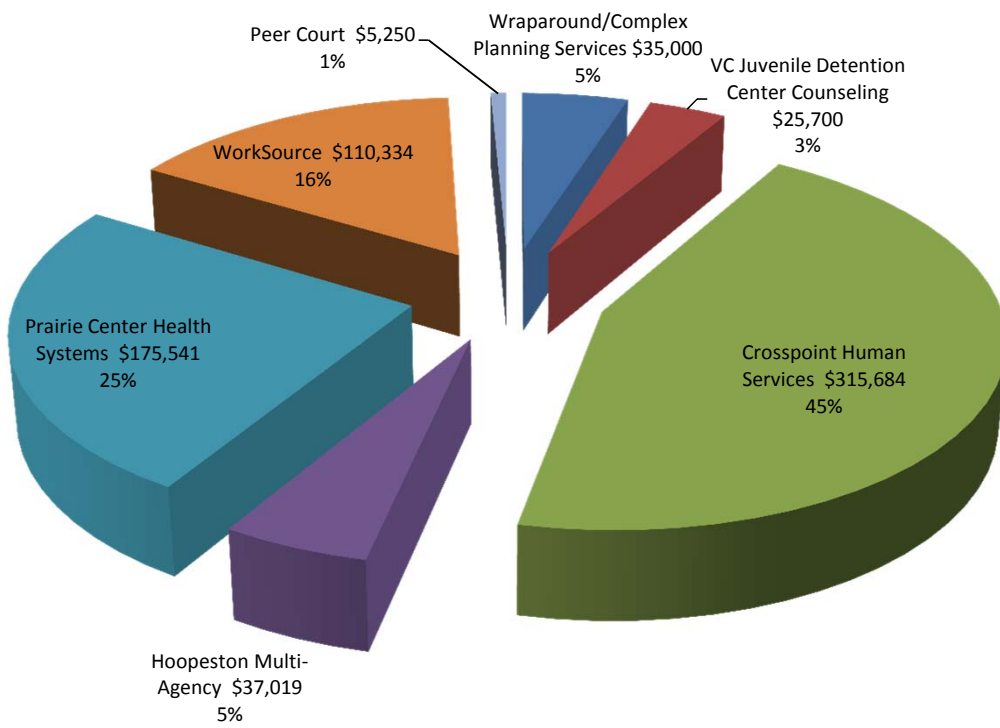
South County is Tilton, Belgium, Westville, Georgetown, Ridgefarm, Olivet, all south rural

West County is Oakwood, Catlin, Jamaica, Sidell, Fairmount, Muncie, Fithian, all west rural.

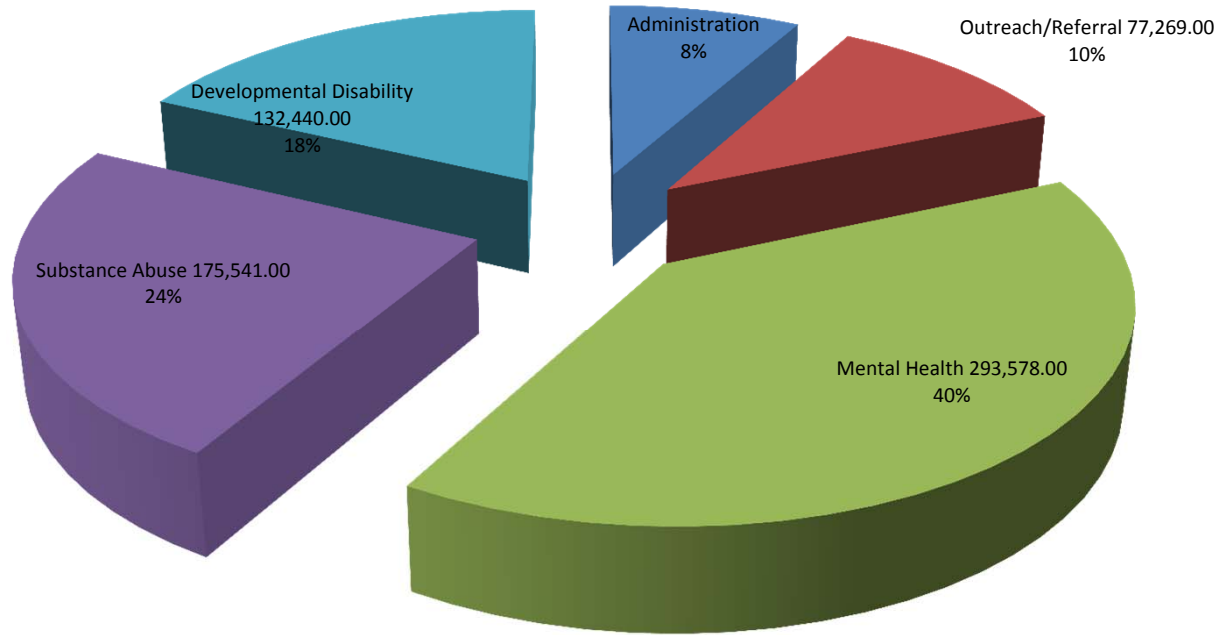
Crosspoint's computer system is entirely different from ours; it was difficult to merge the numbers from the two systems.



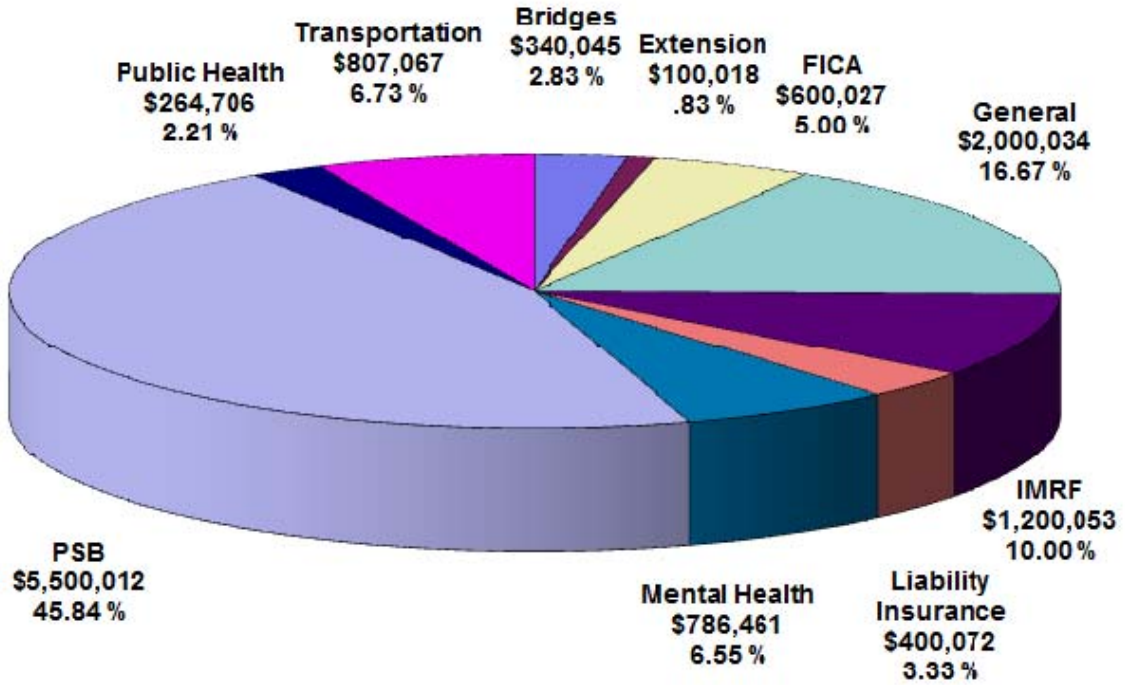
## AGENCY ALLOCATION 2014



### Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board Expense Breakdown FY 2014



VERMILION COUNTY'S PORTION OF TAX DOLLAR



# **CROSSPOINT HUMAN SERVICES**

**210 Avenue, Danville IL 61832**

**217-442-3200**

**Executive Director: Thom Pollock  
15 Member Voluntary Board of Directors**

**Crosspoint Human Services was formed in 1980 by combining the services of the Vermilion Mental Health and Development Center incorporated in 1955 and the Retarded Children's Center incorporated in 1964.**

**Crosspoint is a private, not-for-profit Illinois corporation governed by a voluntary board of directors representing Vermilion County with participation of persons served.**

**Crosspoint's Vision is that all people should have every opportunity to realize their highest possible level for a productive and healthy life in their community. It is Crosspoint's mission to provide quality human services in a competent and reliable fashion to individuals, families, and the community. Services are available to persons of any age, without regard to race, religion, national origin, handicap, or ability to pay. Crosspoint is an equal opportunity employer.**

**Crosspoint serves persons experiencing emotional, familial, or marital stress, or more severe, acute, or chronic psychiatric disabilities. Other persons served experience developmental delays or mild to profound developmental disabilities. Some experience both mental and developmental disabilities. Each of these three groupings has some individuals who abuse drugs. That behavior exacerbates an already difficult situation in treatment.**

**Crosspoint services include Care Coordination, Crisis Intervention, Counseling, Therapy, Social and Daily Living Skill Training, Psychotropic Medication/Prescription Administration, Medication Counseling Training, Money Management through Representative Payee Services, Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy, Housing, Transportation, Community Education and Consultation, Psycho Social Rehabilitation, and Employment Development and Placement.**

**Crosspoint is licensed by the Department of Public Health to operate a community living facility, is licensed by the Illinois Department of Human Services to provide Medicaid Mental Health Services, Community Integrated Living Arrangements and Day Training, and is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc.**

**Crosspoint is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Department of Health and Family Services, Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, Danville Area United Way, donations, fees, and private contracts with long term care providers and health insurance companies.**

**For specific information on programs and services, contact their office, (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) at 217-442-3200, by FAX at 217-442-7460, and by TTD at 217-442-8471 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). To assure immediate access to treatment Crosspoint encourages walk-ins, no appointment necessary.**



## **CROSSPOINT HUMAN SERVICES**

**Programs formerly operated by  
YOUR FAMILY RESOURCE CONNECTION**

**201 North Hazel St., Danville, IL 61832**

**217-446-1217**

**Executive Director: Thom Pollock  
7 Member Voluntary Board of Directors**

**Crosspoint Human Services provides a domestic violence shelter and temporary housing, for women and their children who are escaping an abusive home environment. Support services, including assistance with securing an Order of Protection, are available free of charge. Crosspoint is also part of a statewide network of 30 domestic violence agencies committed to the prevention and elimination of violence against women and children.**

**Crosspoint provides a residential program, transitional housing for women and their children who are homeless. Women work toward individualized goals while in this program and work together with their counselor to obtain permanent housing.**

**Crosspoint operates a child day care center for children ages birth to five years of age. The center provides education, recreation, balanced nutrition, and socialization for the children.**

**Crosspoint is funded by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Federal Crime Victim Assistance Funds, the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, the Danville Area United Way, and community contributions.**

**For specific information on services and programs, contact the office at 217-446-1217 or by FAX at 217-443-6845. The Crisis Hotline is staffed 24 hours a day at 217-443-5566 or 1-888-549-1800.**

# **HOOPESTON MULTI-AGENCY**

**206 South First Street, Hoopeston, IL 60942  
217-283-5544**

**Executive Director: Maria Sermersheim  
10 Member Voluntary Board of Directors**

**The Hoopeston Multi-Agency Service Center provides local access to federal, state, county, and private social service agencies for residents of northern Vermilion County. Access to social service agencies is accomplished through information and referral.**

**The Multi-Agency also provides office space and other supportive services for various agency representatives, such as counselors and caseworkers, to provide social services in northern Vermilion County. Space is also available to rent for private parties, showers, anniversaries, job fairs, and various church functions.**

**For specific information on programs and services, contact the office directly at 217-283-5544.**

**The Multi-Agency is funded by the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, CRIS Senior Services for transportation, United Fund of Grant Township, East Central Illinois Community Action Agency, local donations, and private contributions through corporate grants. The Department of Human Services sponsors the Teen REACH Program, which is an after school program for 8-17 year olds. The Multi-Agency hosts fundraising efforts all year to make up for cutbacks in funding.**

**The Multi-Agency also provides transportation for senior citizens and disabled citizens five days a week the year round, as per demand.**

**The thrift shop, open daily from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., is a source of revenue and a great place for low-income families to shop. The Healthy Moms/Healthy Kids program provides low-income, single or married moms with a free bag of clothing for every member of the family until the youngest child turns four years old. The shop is available for emergency situations, such as floods, fires, tornadoes, and evictions. They sometimes have furniture to give in emergency situations, and they share surplus clothing with the Salvation Army and the V.A. Hospital.**

# **PRAIRIE CENTER HEALTH SYSTEMS**

**1222 E. Voorhees  
Danville, IL 61834  
217-477-4500**

**Bruce A. Suardini, Chief Executive Officer  
15 Member Voluntary Board**

**Alcohol and drug dependency and their consequences are leading causes of personal and family suffering and community problems resulting in major health and societal costs. Prairie Center Health Systems, Inc. exists to directly help those affected by this disease and to inform, educate, and train others on the major impact of this disease, if left untreated.**

**The mission of Prairie Center Health Systems, Inc. is to provide the highest quality of prevention, intervention, and treatment services for alcoholism and chemical dependency, other addictions, and associated conditions to individuals, families, and communities in East Central Illinois. Our organization addresses this mission through the services of its comprehensive treatment system facilities in Champaign, Urbana, and Danville.**

**Our organization offers a full array of treatment services for adults, including assessment, residential treatment, intensive outpatient, outpatient, and aftercare services. The agency also offers Driving Under the Influence (DUI) assessment and risk education program, specialized correctional services, intensive case management services, HIV counseling and testing, toxicology, a youth outpatient program, and a comprehensive prevention program. All DUI and residential services are provided at our Champaign facility.**

**Our organization provides outpatient, intensive outpatient, and prevention services at its Danville facility and in schools and other locations throughout the county. For specific information on programs and services located in Vermilion County, please contact Susan Perkins, Clinical Director, at 477-4500 Ext 104.**

**All clients are treated with dignity and respect. In all circumstances, our professional staff offers hope in guiding clients toward change and improving the quality of their lives in recovery. Prairie Center's agency-wide purpose is to help people improve their lives. Individuals who participate in Prairie Center treatment services on an on-going basis are given the opportunity to improve social, emotional, psychological, cognitive, and family functioning, and attain the recovery they seek. Since recovery needs are different for each person, a team of professionals helps each client develop a personalized plan to treat all aspects of the disease. Since our founding in 1968 in Champaign, Illinois, our organization has been a leader in the treatment of alcoholism and other drug dependency in East Central Illinois and has successfully assisted thousands of men, women, and young people back into productive, healthy, and sober lives.**

**Prairie Center Health Systems, Inc. is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, United Way of Danville, federal grants, private and public contracts, client fees, and income received from investments and private contributions.**

# **WORKSOURCE ENTERPRISES**

**3715 North Vermillion, Danville, IL 61832  
217-446-1146**

**President and CEO: Frank L. Brunacci  
8 Member Voluntary Board of Directors**

**WorkSource has provided developmental day programming training, employment preparation, home-based services, and community job placement to persons with disabilities in Vermillion County since 1971.**

**Consumers, if they choose, can earn wages based on either the current hourly minimum wage, day rate wage, or piece rate wages based on the commensurate wage rate. The commensurate rate is the amount earned based on the number of pieces completed and compared to the industrial norm of 100%.**

**Employment and vocational training opportunities are available at WorkSource's main location and at several scattered sites throughout Vermillion County. WorkSource has janitorial locations throughout Vermillion County that include the Salt Kettle Rest Area and other various janitorial and production locations throughout the community.**

**WorkSource Enterprises has been accredited by The Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and Currently the Illinois Department of Human Services in the following program areas:**

- Adult Day Training**
- Employment Services Coordination**
- Employment Transition**
- Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation**
- Employee Development**
- Organizational Employment**
- Job Support and Job Site Training**
- Community Job Placement**

**In addition to the Vermillion County Mental Health Board 708 grant dollars, WorkSource receives revenues from various other state and local funding and charitable sources. For specific information on programs and services, please contact Todd at 217-446-1146, Ext. 23 or Crystal Meece regarding subcontract work at (217) 446-1146, Ext. 14.**



# **VERMILION COUNTY COMPLEX SERVICE PLANNING PROCESS**

**Barbara Chatman, Coordinator  
101 W. North Street  
Danville, Illinois 61832  
217-474-1431**

Vermilion County families have access to a new process designed to help when families are struggling with children with intensive emotional or behavioral issues. The Vermilion County Complex Service Planning (CSP) process was developed and supported by the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board and is designed to help families coordinate services when traditional siloed services are not meeting the need of their families. Many of the children involved in this planning process have either been referred to the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, have been frequently hospitalized, are being considered for residential placement, or are in the process of “stepping down” from residential treatment and need a very intensive, coordinated service plan to insure that all local and community resources are available to the child and family.

Just as in the traditional Wraparound Process, the CSP process is based on System of Care principles and values, including:

- Interagency collaboration
- Child and family partnership
- Individual strength-based care
- Community based services and supports
- Cultural competence
- Accountability to results

The process begins with a referral from either the family itself or from a community service provider. The CSP Coordinator will schedule an appointment with the parents (and child, if appropriate) to discuss current services; identify additional resources the family wants to include in the planning process; and to complete intake paperwork and sign releases.

The CSP Coordinator will help the family complete either the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment or the Family Advocacy and Support Tool (FAST) assessment, which is a version of the CANS. Both of these assessments are communication tools designed to help the family “tell their story.” The results of the assessments help to identify the issues the family feels are “high need” and to help identify the strengths of their child and family – all information critical in developing a coordinated plan of services.

Next, a meeting date is set and invitations are sent out to current and/or potential service providers. At the first meeting, family members and service providers are asked to summarize what services have been provided in the past, discuss any roadblocks that may have prevented success, and develop a coordinated plan of interventions – many times involving multiple agencies and additional service providers.

At the close of each meeting, a summary of the new coordinated plan, or a list of the tasks that will need to be accomplished in order to complete the new service plan, is reviewed and given to each participant with their specific assignments. The date, time, and place for the next meeting are set. The coordinating meetings continue as the new plan for service evolves and is carried out. The team usually meets more frequently in the beginning of the process and less frequently as the plan progresses. The plan is reviewed at each meeting and modified as needed. The family remains in control at all times – with the family making the decision to end the process once they feel that services are “working” for them and the issues are being addressed.

To make a referral or for more information, please call the Complex Service Planning Coordinator at  
**217-474-1431**

# **VERMILION COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER COUNSELING**

**Leta Pepper, LCSW  
500 E. Fairchild, Suite A-1  
Danville, Illinois 61832 217-446-1078**

**Juveniles who are detained in the Juvenile Detention Center have access to a service designed to assist the juveniles' adjustment to the facilities expectations, monitor and address mood and behavior, assist staff in assessment of risk of harm, and assist youth to be more successful when they leave VCJDC.**

**The goals of the program include stabilizing the youth, reducing the risk of self-harm or harm to others, and strengthening willingness and skills to decrease illegal, inappropriate, harmful behaviors after release.**

**The Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board provides funding for a licensed social worker to provide services for juveniles whose mental health needs are not otherwise met at the Detention Center.**

**The social worker meets regularly with VCJDC staff and other providers to identify recipients for this service. Staff at the VCJDC are also able to provide her with updates for those who have longer stays at the facility.**

**VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD  
2014-2017 PLANNING YEARS**

**THREE YEAR GOALS:**

- GOAL 1:** Examine the impact of the Affordable Care Act and Illinois Medicaid expansion as related to changes on populations served by local funding.
- GOAL 2:** Assure local funds prioritize adequate services for the non-Medicaid eligible populations and others whose services have been limited.
- GOAL 3:** Increase knowledge and access to information regarding when and where to refer for services and treatment for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse disorders to increase access and combat stigma within Vermilion County communities.
- GOAL 4:** Increase the availability and timeliness of assessment and treatment options for court involved youth.
- GOAL 5:** Interface children's behavioral health services with the CHOICES Care Coordination and System of Care Pilot Project.
- GOAL 6:** Analyze the continuum of services for adults and children with substance abuse issues, and determine which programs can be developed or expanded with Medicaid or private insurance.
- GOAL 7:** Assist school districts in developing mental health in schools programs and in applying for federal funding for Mental Health First Aid training, violence prevention, and school safety.
- GOAL 8:** Expand Mental Health First Aid training throughout the county.
- GOAL 9:** Promote collaborative efforts by community providers to produce better coordinated systems of care and to integrate behavioral health with primary care and Medical Homes.
- GOAL 10:** Work with local agencies and systems to improve transition services for persons moving from childhood to adult services or from acute or residential care to the home/community.
- GOAL 11:** Make a concerted effort to influence the county board and the general public regarding the need for expanded behavioral health services and the impact of lack of treatment toward other high costs systems such as jails and hospitals.
- GOAL 12:** Work with the local VA Illiana Health Care System to assist returning veterans who are experiencing behavioral health issues by sharing information about community programs and partnering to engage families of veterans.

## **ONE YEAR OBJECTIVES (2014-2015)**

- Objective 1:** Review funding priorities during the allocation process with an emphasis on the non-Medicaid population and others whose services have been limited or diminished by state funding cuts or changes.
- Objective 2:** Work with District 118 on a concerted school mental health initiative and offer assistance to other school districts within the county on program planning and applying for federal funding.
- Objective 3:** Work with behavioral health provider agencies to develop a cost analysis on effectiveness of behavioral health services toward reducing other high county costs.
- Objective 4:** Present needs assessment and funded agency needs to the VC Health and Education Committee and to the full county board in a effort to increase awareness of the critical need for a healthy human service infrastructure.
- Objective 5:** Work with community mental health agencies in developing more expertise in responding to the juvenile court needs for assessment and treatment.
- Objective 6:** Work with local mental health and substance abuse agencies in developing a joint program for people with both mental health and substance abuse issues.
- Objective 7:** Review and revise VCMHB funding priorities after analyzing the impact of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion.
- Objective 8:** Partner with VA Illiana Health Care Systems to promote the formation of a new NAMI chapter in Vermilion County in order to increase family engagement and support.
- Objective 9:** Partner with VA Illiana Health Care System to share community services information and provide local community stakeholders with specific contact information for inquiring about VA services.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the change in staff in mid-year at the VCMHB, the objectives for 2013-2014 were not met. As a result these same objectives are in place for the new fiscal year.