

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD MEETING

Minutes – April 25, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Kay Smoot (Chairman), Mr. Mark Kracht, Mrs. Linda Marron, Mr. Keith Souza, Mr. Chad Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Christine Budnovich, Mr. David Harby, Mrs. Cheryl Rotramel, Mrs. Anne Sacheli

IN ATTENDANCE: Thom Pollock, Amy Weidman, Barb Chatman, Gail Raney, Frank Brunacci, Yolanda Pemberton, Susan Perkins, Mike Marron, Wes Biertiz

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Russell - Executive Director
Jeri Arford - Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kay Smoot called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Five members responded to roll call. Four members were absent.

ADOPTION OF/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

MINUTES

Mrs. Linda Marron moved, seconded by Mr. Keith Souza, to approve the January 25, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion was approved by acclamation.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Mrs. Kay Smoot expressed how thrilled she was to have Anne Sacheli as a new 708 board member. Kay Smoot also thanked Thom Pollock for his insightful, caring letter that was sent to the board. Yolanda Pemberton was welcomed as the new Executive Director for Hoopston Multi-Agency. Gail Raney was welcomed as the new director of Prairie Center Health Care Systems. Wes Biertiz and Mike Marron were thanked for attending tonight's board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Russell updated the board on Choices taking over the crisis services in the four county areas, including: Vermilion, Champaign, Ford, and Iroquois counties. Mr. Russell also informed the board that the state of Illinois notified the county there was a mistake in allocating funding, which Mike Marron will be working on correcting. Mr. Russell gave the board an update on state talks regarding the budget. Mr. Russell stated Aunt Martha's and The Center for Children's Services have trained four people to act as trainers for the Mental Health First Aid Training. There may be the opportunity for one more person to be trained at a later date as well. There are three more Mental Health First Aid trainings scheduled throughout the 2016 calendar year. Mr. Russell also informed the board Wendy Barnes is the new juvenile detention counselor which replaces the position left vacant by Leta Pepper. Wendy Barnes is employed through Kleppin & Associates and a retired special education teacher from District 118. Mr. Russell informed the board of House Bill 4501 that was passed in the House, which if passed by the Senate, would allow a county board the ability to disband any board within that county that the county

board chairman appoints the members to. Mr. Russell stated he would be gathering email and contact information of the state legislators in the next few days and asked if anyone could, to ask the legislators to exempt the county mental health boards from House Bill 4501.

AGENCY REPORTS

WorkSource: Frank Brunacci updated the board regarding the construction of the new building. The estimated move in date is scheduled for the second week in June. Mr. Brunacci also informed the board he was told the state had found 400 million in funding for mental health so he is hoping those funds would be distributed soon. Mr. Brunacci also updated the board of WorkSource programming status. Mr. Brunacci invited the board to hold the June 25, 2016 708 Meeting at WorkSource's new building if they would like to.

Prairie Center: Susan Perkins gave stats of active clients currently being serviced by the Prairie Center. Ms. Perkins stated Prairie Center does still have a hiring freeze in place at this time. Ms. Perkins also informed the board staff numbers are lower but the same services are being provided. Gayle Raney informed the board Prairie Center is still getting the majority of their funding from federal pass-through dollars which hopefully will continue. Because of this federal funding not much has been changed in programming as of yet.

Hoopeston Multi-Agency: Mrs. Semersheim told the board that between the 708 funding and the fund raising they had done in the past year, they were able to raise 110% of their budget and they have spent less than 50%. Yolanda Pemberton introduced herself to the board and stated she was working very hard to learn the process of running the Hoopeston Multi-Agency.

Wraparound: Barb Chatman passed out numbers. Ms. Chatman stated she was happy to hear about the telepsychiatry resource. Ms. Chatman also informed the board she had two kids go into DCFS dependency because they were unable to get the services they needed otherwise.

Crosspoint: Thom Pollock informed the board of recognition Crosspoint received from Springfield regarding placement of individuals seeking immediate employment.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for January, February, and March were included in the packet for review.

MH Fund Balance as of January 31, 2016: \$344,732.47; Monthly Interest as of January 31, 2016: \$3.28; Yearly Interest as of January 31, 2016: \$3.28; MH Fund Balance as of February 29, 2016: \$281,467.57; Monthly Interest as of February 29, 2016: \$2.30; Yearly Interest as of February 29, 2016: \$5.58; MH Fund Balance as of March 31, 2016: \$264,026.12; Monthly Interest as of March 31, 2016: \$1.96; Yearly Interest as of March 31, 2016: \$7.54;

MOTION: Keith Souza moved to approve the January, February, and March financial reports. Chad Turner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The following board members voted yes:

Mark Kracht
Linda Marron
Keith Souza
Chad Turner
Kay Smoot

Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATIONS: Chad Turner was nominated Chairman, Kay Smoot was nominated Vice Chairman, and Christine Budnovich was nominated Secretary/Treasurer, effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

Keith Souza moved to close the nominations. Linda Marron seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The following board members voted yes:

Keith Souza
Linda Marron
Mark Kracht
Kay Smoot
Chad Turner

Motion approved.

ELECTIONS:

By unanimous voice vote, Chad Turner was elected as Chairman. Kay Smoot was elected Vice Chairman. Christine Budnovich was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Chad Turner moved to approve the vote. Keith Souza seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by acclamation.

CENTER FOR CHILDREN SERVICES: Amy Wiedmann made a request for funding for intern stipends. Discussion ensued. Ms. Wiedmann will return to the board at a later date with answers to the questions the board members asked.

ADJOURNMENT: Keith Souza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Chad Turner seconded the motion. Motion was approved by acclamation.

_____ (Board Secretary)
Minutes prepared by Jeri Arford

