

**VERMILION COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD**

50th Annual Report

December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2019

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**Including One (2019) and
Three-Year (2017-2019) Plans**

2020

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). That act 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. After a protracted budget battle in Springfield, human services have returned to some state of "normal", but not before severe damage was done, both to providers and residents waiting for services. Due to foresight, planning, and wisdom on the part of the boards, directors and staffs in Vermilion County, closures have not happened, but services have been reduced, and Vermilion County has lost qualified staff. Those providers deserve the thanks of the entire Vermilion County community. During fiscal year 2019, the 708 Board allocated \$750,129.51 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, in some cases, keep them from closing their doors.

On behalf of the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, we are 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
2018 – 2019**

Russ Hiatt - Chair	Danville
Jeff Fauver	Catlin
Travis Mains	Danville
Dr. Curt Girouard – Vice Chair	Danville
Cheryl Rotramel	Danville
Nancy O’Kane*	Danville
Valarie Shelton	Ridge Farm
Mark Kracht	Danville
Anne Sachelli – Sec/Treasurer	Danville

*** Vermilion County Board Member**

STAFF

Jim Russell	Executive Director
Jeri Spezia	Administrative Assistant

**VERMILION COUNTY BOARD
HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
2017 - 2018**

Kevin Green - Chair	2nd District
Phearn Butler	8th District
Marla Mackiewicz	4th District
Charles Mockbee – Vice Chair	2nd District
Chuck Nesbitt	3rd District
Jim Watson	5th District
Dan Wright	2nd District

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD

DIRECTORS 2018-2019

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.

Valarie Shelton	1 year
Russ Hiatt	2 ½ years
Cheryl Rotramel	6 years
Curt Girouard	2½ years
Travis Mains	2 years
Nancy O’Kane	2 years
Jeff Fauver	1 year
Mark Kracht	5 years
Anne Sachelli	4 years

**VERMILION COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS
2018-2020**

Larry Baughn*	1st District
Wesley Bieritz	6th District
Joel Bird	1st District
Robert Boyd	8th District
Phearn Butler	8th District
Natalie Duncan	1st District
Joe Eakle	3rd District
Steven Fourez	3rd District
Diana Frazier-Brenneman	9th District
Kevin Green	2nd District
Craig Golden**	7th District
Adam Hart	4th District
Breannah Haton	5th District
Marla Mackiewicz	4th District
Charles Mockbee	2nd District
Tom Morse	6th District
Chuck Nesbitt	3rd District
Nancy O’Kane	8th District
Becky Stark	9th District
Bruce Stark	9th District
Greg Thatcher	7th District
Crisi Walls	5th District
Jim Watson	5th District
Mitch Weaver	4th District
Deanna Witzel	6th District
AJ Wright	7th District
Dan Wright	2nd District

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

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNT
 DECEMBER 1, 2018 through NOVEMBER 30, 2019

REVENUE:

County Mental Health Taxes*	810,885.00
Interest Income	44.86
Misc. Revenue plus FY'18 transfer (\$20,460)	22,770.00
Grant(s) Funding	74,702.91
TOTAL REVENUE	908,402.77

EXPENDITURES:

Salary-Personnel	33,175.00
Salary-Department Head	52,500.00
FICA	-
IMRF	-
Insurance - Health	10,644.00
Office Supplies	377.32
Books/Periodicals	-
Travel Expense/Meetings	1,912.44
Telephone	2,352.31
Postage	116.70
Rent	
Printing	-
Publications	72.38
Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	1,233.79
Contractual/Professional Services	737,414.04

FY18-19 Agency Grants

Crosspoint Human Services/Crosspoint YFRC	351,004.00
Hoopeston Multi-Agency	38,040.00
Rosecrance	191,752.00
WorkSource	119,106.00
VC Juvenile Detention Center Counselor	17,052.51

Total FY18-19 Grants **716,954.51**

Dues/License Fees	2,903.80
Miscellaneous Services	-
Office Furniture/Equipment	-
Grant Expenses	61,938.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	904,640.31

YEAR END MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNT BALANCE** **541,853.57**

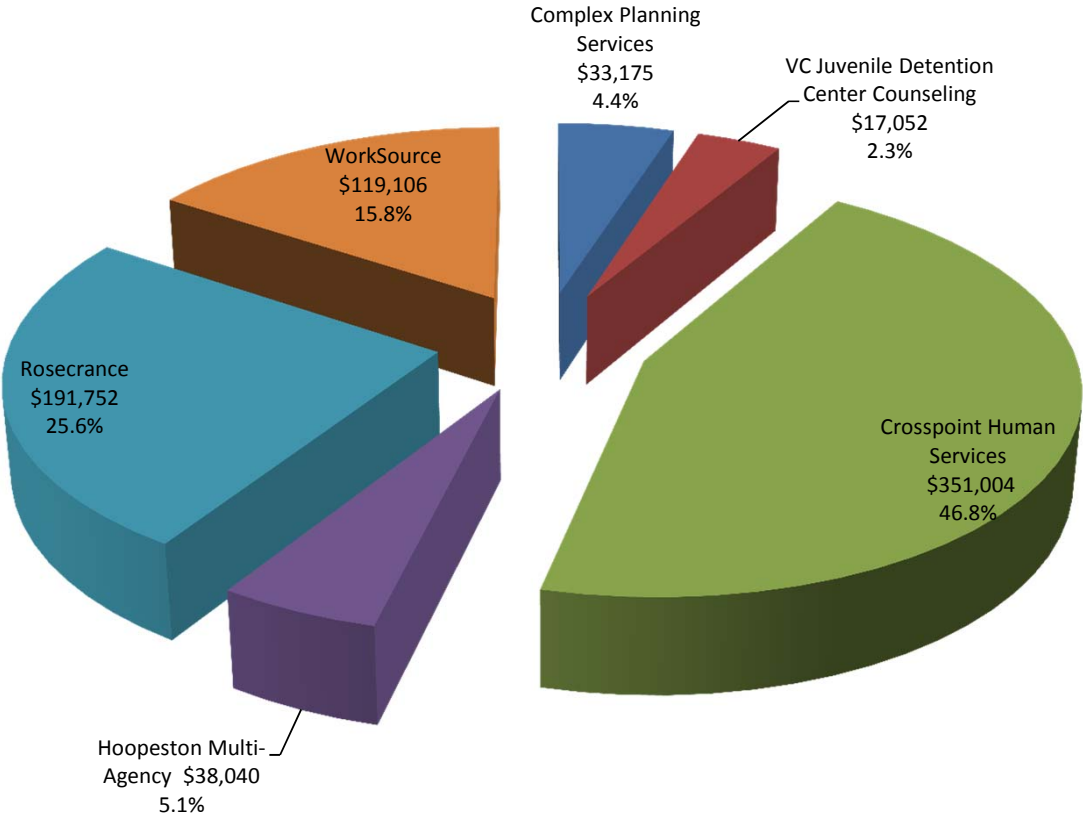
TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS** **541,853.57**

* Estimated Budget Amount

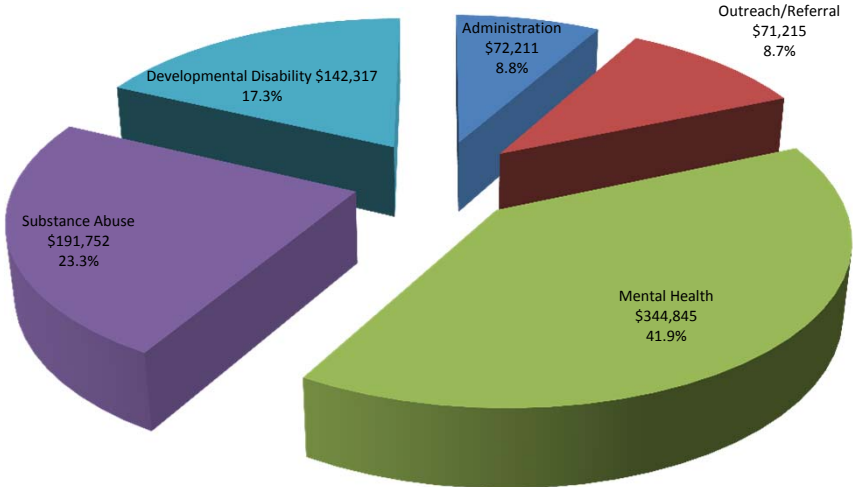
** Total includes Grant(s) Funding

Demographic Detail --All Agency Report						
VCMHB FISCAL YEAR: December 1, 2018 - November 30, 2019						
	Hoopeston**	WorkSource	VCJDCContacts	Complex Ser.	Rosecrance	CrossPoint
Male Clients	924	101	63	10	566	1878
Female Clients	1473	73	12	12	301	2436
White Clients	1,811	129	***0	15	585	3027
Black Clients	248	38	0	7	188	783
Hispanic Clients	333	5	0	0	21	20
Asian Clients	5	0	0	0	6	8
Other Clients	0	1	0	0	67	484
Reside Danville	88	133	0	14	539	2854
Reside N. Co.	2,301	15	0	0	90	338
Reside S. Co.		11	0	8	129	601
Reside W. Co.		4	0	0	25	223
Reside Other	8	11	0	0	84	298
Age Under 6	267	0	0	0	0	181
Age 6-12	289	0	0	3	1	265
Age 13-17	312	2	75	3	164	389
Age 18-35	387	91	0	10	398	1709
Age 36-64	551	71		6	304	1597
Age 65+	591	10		0	0	173
Total Clients	*2397	*174	*92	*22	*867	*4314
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.						
*Agencies count clients differently; some of these numbers represent unduplicated clients, while others represent client contacts, no matter how many with the same person.						
**Hoopeston's numbers reflect their fiscal year from Oct. '18 thru Sept. '19						
***Additional demographic stats not recorded						

AGENCY ALLOCATION 2019



Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board Expense Breakdown FY 2019



CROSSPOINT HUMAN SERVICES

**210 Avenue C, Danville IL 61832
217-442-3200**

**Executive Director: Chad Hays
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, Housing, Transportation, Community Education and Consultation, Psycho Social Rehabilitation, Employment Development and Placement, Intensive Behavioral Support Services, Suicide Prevention Coordination, and Specialized Services for Children and Families in Crisis.

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: Chad Hays

15 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: Beth Bray Knecht
Nine 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. CRIS serves and distributes Meals on Wheels on Tuesday and Friday at the agency. The Multi-Agency hosts classes for the community on many topics including mental health. The large multi-purpose room is used by many to share information with the community. It has been used for LIHEAP, Gibson Hospital, Hudson Drug's flu shot clinic, and many other organizations. Express Employment is currently renting an office to assist those in the community with their job search. Space is also available to rent for private parties, showers, anniversaries, job fairs, and 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, United Fund of Grant Township, East Central Illinois Community Action Agency, local donations from businesses and individuals, and by various Foundation grants. The Multi-Agency also hosts fundraising efforts all year for specific programs.

The Multi-Agency also provides transportation for senior citizens and disabled citizens five days a week year round. This is the primary public transportation service in Hoopeston. The van makes approximately 1,000 stops per month. The bus is also utilized by the local preschool to attend field trips within the city limits. It is also available for groups to utilize for day trips. Other programs at the Senior Center include: Women's morning coffee and donut days, card clubs, and dances. The Agency services more than ninety-six seniors and fifty-five disabled, most all are low income.

The Multi-Agency operates an emergency food pantry. The pantry is open five days a week. Families are allowed to visit it once a month. Those living in Grant Township are encouraged to use Grant Township Food Pantry first.

The Thrift Shop, open daily from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., is a source of revenue. Even though the Thrift Shop is a great place for low-income families to shop, it is utilized by several people daily from all income brackets. The Thrift Shop is available for emergency situations, such as floods, fires, tornadoes, and evictions. Many agencies utilize the thrift shop to obtain clothing for their clients. It sometimes has furniture to give in emergency situations.

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

Philip Eaton, Chief Executive Officer
21 Member Voluntary Board

As a national leader in addiction and behavioral health treatment, at Rosecrance, we'll tailor our robust program and outcomes-focused treatment approach to meet your unique needs and situation. 12-Step programming is the foundation of our treatment service, and is something our clients carry over into their recovery. It's all part of our continuum of care, which includes residential and outpatient treatment along with follow-up care and ongoing services.

As you progress through the treatment plan, we'll assess and adjust the program according to your individual circumstances. We will equip you with the tools, skills and roadmap you need to face your substance use head on. Our team of specialists will ensure your continued progress every step of the way to help you achieve lasting recovery. Because we want you to live a life full of hope, passion and purpose, we are dedicated to providing individualized, evidence-based treatment to help you get there.

With a long history of leadership in substance use and mental health care, Rosecrance Central Illinois is a private, not-for-profit organization offering comprehensive, nationally accredited, evidence-based addiction and mental health treatment for children, teens, young adults and adults. We offer the following programs and services in Central Illinois:

- Prevention
- Detoxification as a first step in Residential treatment
- Residential treatment
- Intensive outpatient and outpatient treatment
- Experiential therapies
- Dual-diagnosis treatment
- Primary-diagnosis mental health care
- Recovery living
- Family education

Most importantly, our caring professionals employ proven methods, industry best practices, and total dedication to your individual needs and long-term recovery.

Rosecrance's Central Illinois offices are located in Champaign, Urbana, and Danville. Rosecrance is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board, United Way of Danville, United Way of Champaign County, federal grant funding, private and public contracts, client fees, insurance reimbursements, and private contributions.

Recovery is a journey, not a destination. At Rosecrance, you don't have to navigate your journey alone – we'll show you the roadmap toward lifelong recovery that so many have taken with us over the past century. From residential and outpatient treatment programs to ongoing counseling, support and education, we're dedicated to your success.

If you or someone close to you needs help, contact our Danville office at 217-477-4500. Please note that not all services and programs we offer are available at all of our locations.

VERMILION COUNTY COMPLEX SERVICE PLANNING PROCESS

**Jeri Spezia, Coordinator
200 S. College St.
Danville, Illinois 61832
217-443-3500**

Vermilion County families have access to a process designed to help when families are struggling 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. In addition, adults who are involved in multiple systems are eligible for these services.

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.

When requested, 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 217-443-3500.

VERMILION COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER COUNSELING

Kleppin & Associates

701 Devonshire

Champaign, Illinois 61820

217-721-2686 or MKleppin92101@yahoo.com

Juveniles who are detained in the Juvenile Detention Center have had access to a service designed to assist the juveniles' adjustment to the facility's 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, assisting in the reduction of 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 an associate therapist, contracted and supervised through Kleppin & Associates, to provide counseling for juveniles whose mental health needs are not otherwise met at the Detention Center.

The therapist 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.

WORKSOURCE ENTERPRISES
3713 North Vermillion, Danville, IL 61832
217-446-1146

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

WorkSource Enterprises offers a Community Day Service Program along with a Home-Based Services Program. WorkSource's Vocational Program is comprised of employment preparation and community job placement. All programs have been developed for persons with disabilities in Vermilion County, since 1971.

WorkSource's Consumers participating in our Community Day Service Program have as part of their ISP a small work component if so they choose. Consumers can earn wages based on either the current hourly minimum wage or piece rate wage based on a 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%.

Our Vocational Program/Employment Placement Programs are available at WorkSource's main location and at several scattered sites throughout Vermilion County. WorkSource has janitorial locations throughout Vermilion County that include the Salt Kettle Rest Area and other various janitorial and production locations throughout the community. WorkSource helps place 19-22 persons with disabilities, working competitively, each year.

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

- **Adult Community Day Service**
- **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 Vermilion 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 Seabaugh at 217-446-1146, Ext. 23 or Stacy Kloth regarding subcontract work at (217) 446-1146, Ext. 18.

**VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD
2020-2022 PLANNING YEARS**

THREE YEAR GOALS:

- GOAL 1:** Continue to examine the impact of Illinois Medicaid expansion and revisions as related to changes on populations served by local funding.
- GOAL 2:** Continue to promote knowledge 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.
- GOAL 3:** Investigate possible partnerships with community stakeholders on ways to address issues of violence.
- GOAL 4:** Work in cooperation with providers of services for adults and children with substance abuse issues in identifying opportunities and obstacles in the changing treatment world.
- GOAL 5:** Offer assistance to school districts in developing mental health in schools and in applying for federal funding for violence prevention and school safety.
- GOAL 6:** Continue cooperation with efforts in providing Mental Health First Aid training throughout the county.
- GOAL 7:** Continue to promote collaborative efforts by community providers to produce better coordinated systems of care and to integrate behavioral health with primary care and Medical Homes, especially in light of the Transformation Plan proposed by the State of Illinois.
- GOAL 8:** Continue 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 9:** Continue effort to educate 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 10:** Continue 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.
- GOAL 11:** Investigate possible partnerships with community stakeholders on efforts to reduce poverty, improve graduation rates and increase job skills

THREE YEAR OBJECTIVES (2020-2022)

ONE YEAR OBJECTIVES (2020)

- Objective 1:** Review funding priorities during the allocation process with an emphasis on the non-Medicaid population and others, including residents with Developmental Disabilities, whose services have been limited or diminished by state funding cuts or changes.
- Objective 2:** Continue 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:** Build on partnerships with behavioral health provider agencies, medical providers, and the criminal justice system to develop needed services that will also reduce other high county costs, and look for sources of funding in addition to the state. Continue involvement with “Vermilion County Mental Health Initiative”.
- Objective 4:** Continue to update the Vermilion County Health and Education Committee and the full county board in an effort to maintain awareness of the critical need for a healthy human service infrastructure.
- Objective 5:** Work with community mental health agencies in developing more services in responding to the juvenile court needs for assessment and treatment.
- Objective 6:** Work with local mental health and substance abuse agencies, in light of anticipated changes, in developing a treatment program for people with both mental health and substance abuse issues.
- Objective 7:** Continue to 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.
- Objective 8:** Continue to work on improving relationships and cooperation among service providers, other government departments, and this office in a concerted effort to meet the needs of the county.
- Objective 9:** Look for ways to sustain “Youth Mental Health First Aid Training” and “Adult Mental Health First Aid Training”.
- Objective 10:** Try to stay informed of the many changes in the delivery systems for behavioral health; Be prepared to support area providers as they deal with transitions.
- Objective 11:** Work with community stakeholders to develop a plan to address increasing community violence and a plan to reduce poverty levels.