

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD

Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jerry Hawker, Mr. Russell Hiatt, Mr. Mark Kracht, Mrs. Mary Surprenant,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jeff Fauver, Mr. Curt Girouard

IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Nelson, Dr. Danso Odei, Lisa Rhodes, Marcie Sheridan, Beth Knecht, Todd Seabaugh, Lisa Martin, Kimberly David

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Russell - Executive Director

Jeri Spezia - Administrative Assistant

Wendy Lambert – ROSC Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Russ Hiatt called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Four members responded to roll call. Two members were absent.

ADOPTION OF/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no changes.

CITIZEN INPUT

None.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Chairman Hiatt gave the floor to Dr. Danso Odei, who introduced himself as the new Health Department Administrator. He shared with the board some of his past experience and talked about looking forward to his new job. Chairman Hiatt also read a letter of thanks from Project Success.

MINUTES

Mary Surprenant moved to approve the October 23, 2023 minutes as presented. Mark Kracht seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reports are attached to the minutes.

AGENCY UPDATES

Project Success – Kimberly David stated Project Success hired a Mental Health professional in December. There are 80 children participating in the SCL program with Salt Fork being the first school to receive these services. A fundraiser flyer was shared with the board.

WorkSource – Lisa Martin gave an update about the workforce program. Todd Seabaugh announced WorkSource has acquired the Wheeler Farm property through a donation last Fall.

Hoopeston Multi-Agency – Beth Knecht shared a dance will be held at the agency Saturday. Beth also stated the Indy/Formula One racing team that had been previously trained in Mental Health First Aid has extended an invitation to return to train further staff.

Survivor Resource Center – Marcie Sheridan stated thanks to the funding from the 708 Board they were able to hire a counselor who started mid-December. Marcie also shared what services SRC provides in Vermilion County.

Crosspoint Human Services – Lisa Rhodes thanked the 708 Board for their continued support. Michelle Nelson gave an update on the crisis grant Crosspoint is a recipient of for Vermilion County. Michelle also gave an update on stats for October, November and December. A homeless support effort was held recently and will be held again at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency in February.

Complex Services Planner – Jeri gave update for October, November and December. Copies of the 2024 Resource List were shared with the board.

Gateway Family Services – Michael Remole was unable to attend the meeting. Jim read an update that Michael provided via email.

Rosecrance – Gail Raney was absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for October, November and December 2023 were included in the packet for review. Jerry Hawker suggested Jim send the monthly financial reports to the Finance and Health & Education Committees as a courtesy. Mary Surprenant suggested

MH Fund Balance as of October 31, 2023: \$256,697.86; Monthly Interest as of October 31, 2023: \$130.33; Yearly Interest as of October 31, 2023: \$1,090.82; MH Fund Balance as of November 30, 2023: \$256,959.86; Monthly Interest as of November 30, 2023: \$100.36; Yearly Interest as of November 30, 2023: \$1,191.18; MH Fund Balance as of December 31, 2023: \$176,323.57; Monthly Interest as of December 31, 2023: \$96.77; Yearly Interest as of December 31, 2023: \$1,287.95

MOTION: Jerry Hawker moved to approve the October, November and December 2023 financial reports. Mark Kracht seconded the motion. The following board members voted yes:

Jerry Hawker
Mark Kracht
Russ Hiatt
Mary Surprenant

Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: Jim updated the Board on new requirements about minutes of Executive sessions. This was information only; no action had to be taken by the Board.

FY '22-23 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim presented the FY '22-23 annual financial report for approval. Mary Surprenant made the motion to approve the FY '22-23 annual financial report. Jerry Hawker seconded the motion. The following board members voted yes:

Mary Surprenant
Jerry Hawker
Russ Hiatt
Mark Kracht

Motion approved.

ANNUAL EVALUATIONS: Jerry Hawker made the motion to exit the January 29, 2024 Board Meeting and move to Executive Session. Mary Surprenant seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

“Executive Session – Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint filed against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.”

EVALUATION APPROVAL: Upon return to the open session Jerry Hawker made the motion to approve the evaluation of the Executive Director, with the edits that the Board Chairman presented. Mary Surprenant seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

DIRECTOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: Board member Jerry Hawker wanted to remind the board members that there might be additional ARPA funds available. He suggested that we contact the County Board office for more information.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Surprenant made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Kracht seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

(Board Secretary) Minutes prepared by Jeri Spezia

