

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD

Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curt Girouard, Jerry Hawker, Russell Hiatt, Teri Huchel, Betty Seidel, Mary Surprenant, Traci Billman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Natalya Bourn, Jeff Fauver

IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Bray Knecht, Lisa Rhodes, Michelle Nelson, Amy Boyer, Todd Seabaugh, Marcie Sheridan, Melissa Pappas

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Russell - Executive Director

Jeri Spezia – Complex Services Planner

Wendy Lambert – ROSC Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Russ Hiatt called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. Seven members responded to roll call.

ADOPTION OF/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no changes.

CITIZEN INPUT

None.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Chairman Hiatt welcomed Traci Billman as our newest 708 board member. Introductions of all attendees at the meeting were done. Russ Hiatt also reminded board members to complete their Open Meetings Act certifications and return to Jeri to be filed.

MINUTES

Betty Seidel moved to approve the January 27, 2025 minutes as presented. Curt Girouard seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Jerry Hawker moved to approve the January 27, 2025 Executive session minutes as presented. Betty Seidel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reports are attached to the minutes.

AGENCY UPDATES

Project Success – Amy Boyer gave an update on social worker stats and the summer programming.

WorkSource – Todd Seabaugh read a report from Lisa Martin regarding vocational stats. He also gave an update on the outdoor space and consumer store.

Hoopston Multi-Agency – Beth Knecht stated they are excited to have Crosspoint Human Services coming to their agency. She also shared information about the senior dance and food pantry.

Survivor Resource Center – Marcie Sheridan gave an update on SRC stats. She also gave an update on SRC programs and staff trainings.

Crosspoint Human Services – Lisa Rhodes shared stats regarding staff and clients. She also gave an update on an upcoming event. Michelle Nelson gave an update on the Resiliency Project.

Complex Services Planner/Administrative Office – Jeri explained to the board members that the State of Illinois requires the 708 Board to maintain a hard copy of the board minutes indefinitely, which means there are some hard copies that date back to the 1960's. Those copies, along with many others are in jeopardy of deterioration due to age. Some of the older minute records are not saved on the computer and only hard copies are available. Jeri asked the board for suggestions on how these records could be preserved. Discussion ensued. The board suggested to seek bids from companies that specialize in scanning and preserving records to be voted on at a future meeting.

Gateway Family Services – Michael Remole was absent.

Rosecrance – Melissa Pappas gave an update on stats regarding clients and staff.

New Directions – Jennifer Modest was absent.

ROSC- Wendy's report is attached to the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for January, February, and March 2025 were included in the packet for review.

MH Fund Balance as of January 31, 2025: \$245,910.14; Monthly Interest as of January 31: \$264.05; Yearly Interest as of January 31, 2025: \$264.05; MH Fund Balance as of February 28, 2025: \$162,241.52; Monthly Interest as of February 28, 2025: \$56.08; Yearly Interest as of February 28, 2025: \$320.13; MH Fund Balance as of March 31, 2025: \$26,204.94; Monthly Interest as of March 31, 2025: \$22.20; Yearly Interest as of March 31, 2025: \$342.23

MOTION: Mary Surprenant moved to approve the financial reports. Betty Seidel seconded the motion. The following board members voted yes:

Mary Surprenant
Betty Seidel
Curt Girouard
Jerry Hawker

Russell Hiatt
Teri Huchel
Traci Billman

Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: Jerry Hawker made the motion to nominate Mary Surprenant for Secretary/Treasurer; Curt Girouard for Vice Chairman; Russ Hiatt for Chairman. Betty Seidel seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Curt Girouard made the motion to elect Mary Surprenant as Secretary/Treasurer, Curt Girouard as Vice Chairman, and Russ Hiatt as Chairman. Teri Huchel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

DIRECTOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Surprenant made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Curt Girouard seconded the motion. Motion was approved by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

(Board Secretary) Minutes prepared by Jeri Spezia

