

VERMILION COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD

Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Natalya Bourn, Jeff Fauver, Russell Hiatt, Betty Seidel, Mary Surprenant

MEMBERS ABSENT: Curt Girouard, Jerry Hawker, Teri Huchel, Traci Wilt

IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Pappas, Beth Bray Knecht, Abby Thompson, Amy Boyer, Michelle Nelson, Kimberly David, Chad Cottrell

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 5:36 p.m. Five members responded to roll call. Four members were absent.

ADOPTION OF/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no changes.

CITIZEN INPUT

None.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

Jeff Fauver made the motion to approve the regular session minutes for June 23, 2025 and special session minutes for July 1, 2025. Betty Seidel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reports are attached to the minutes.

AGENCY UPDATES

Project Success – Kimberly David distributed the Annual Report for Project Success. Amy Boyer gave an update on social work and programming.

WorkSource – Lisa Martin gave an update on the summer camp program, as well as their DHS audit.

Hoopston Multi-Agency – Beth Knecht gave an update on the Back to School drive, as well

as sharing stats in regards to an increase in energy assistance applicants.

Survivor Resource Center – Abby Thompson gave an update on SRC stats for their fiscal year. She also shared flyers for upcoming events.

Crosspoint Human Services – Michelle Nelson gave an update on recent staff increases, as well as stats regarding programming.

Complex Services Planner/Administrative Office – Jeri stated she does not any new updates at this time.

Gateway Family Services – Chad Cottrell gave an update on stats and events happening at Gateway.

Rosecrance – Melissa Pappas gave an update on fiscal year stats regarding clients and staff. She also informed the board there will be an open house held sometime around January or February for the new urgent care behavioral health facility in Urbana.

New Directions – Jennifer Modest was absent.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports for June and July 2025 were included in the packet for review.

MH Fund Balance as of June 30, 2025: \$588,447.95; Monthly Interest as of June 30, 2025: \$33.71; Yearly Interest as of June 30, 2025: \$493.31; MH Fund Balance as of July 31, 2025: \$75,245.45; Monthly Interest as of July 31, 2025: \$78.15; Yearly Interest as of July 31, 2025: \$571.46

Natalya made the motion to approve the financial report for June and July 2025. Mary seconded the motion. The following board members voted yes:

Natalya Bourn
Mary Surprenant
Jeff Fauver
Russell Hiatt
Betty Seidel

The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET FY '25-26: Jim requested the board approve the budget for FY'25-26 as presented. Jeff Fauver made the motion to approve the FY '25-26 as presented. Natalya Bourn seconded the motion. The following board members voted yes:

Jeff Fauver
Natalya Bourn
Russell Hiatt
Betty Seidel
Mary Surprenant

The motion was approved.

FY '25-26 FUNDING REQUEST PLAN: Jim informed the board there will be no funding increases for the agencies for FY '25-26. He will inform the agencies to submit their proposal requests by October 1, 2025 so the funding contracts can be voted on at the October 27, 2025. Discussion ensued regarding agency funding requests.

DIRECTOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Russell Hiatt adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm.

(Board Secretary) Minutes prepared by Jeri Spezia

