



## OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

### MINUTES OF THE August 1, 2019 Meeting

On August 1, 2019 Dorothy Bowers called a meeting of the 708 Board to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Ogle County Sheriff's Training Room, 202 South First Street, Oregon, Illinois at the call of the secretary and a notice given to each board member and on notice posted at the Ogle County Courthouse and Ogle County Sheriff's Office. Dorothy Bowers presided.

The secretary called the roll:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dorothy Bowers (President/Ogle County Board Liaison), Tracy Brooks, Marcella Haushahn, Nick Head, Bill Sigler and Kathleen Wilson (Vice-President).

**ABSENT:** Renee Barnhart, Amy Stephenitch and Margaret Tyne (Secretary/Treasurer)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brion Brooks of the Village of Progress, Ruth Carter of HOPE, Maureen Mostacci of Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc. Patrick Phalen of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Jeremy Hooker of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and Kathy Groenhagen of Serenity Hospice and Home.

The Chair announced that we have a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Bill Sigler moved to accept the agenda as presented. Marcella Haushahn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the May minutes was done. **Marcella Haushahn moved to approve the May meeting minutes as presented. Tracy Brooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for August. **Marcella Haushahn moved to approve the vouchers for August as submitted. Bill Sigler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The financial report for August was presented. **A motion was made by Tracy Brooks to approve the financial reports for August as presented. Marcella Haushahn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Officer's Report:**

Dorothy Bowers (President) reported that the Finance Committee has approved the Budget. It does still have to go in front of the Ogle County Board. Our application was the first one in and currently there has only been two submitted per Laura Cook. Dorothy has nothing to report in regards to Co Bd Liaison. Dorothy did attend the Shinning Star and brought a statistics handout for Ogle County. Children's Walk was June 8<sup>th</sup> and it raised \$13,000. Shinning Star Golf Outing is Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>. Girl's Survivor Camp was June 26-28<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Boy's Survivor Camp is Aug 2-3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Unfinished Business and Possible:**

Agency Brochure: Kathy Wilson handed out. Patrick Phelan requested address update of 100 Jefferson

Agency Visits: Bill Sigler visited Courthouse.

708 field trips to visit agencies (meeting rotations): Sept 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held at VOP.

Hope to play the 708 Video: Do at VOP during next meeting. CD given to Justine to try and play on laptop.

### **New Business, discussion and possible action:**

Review Funding Apps: Funding approved for 2020. Thank you to Kathe Wilson and Bill Sigler for doing an outstanding job with the completion of the application. Work was given to Dorothy Bowers and delivered to the courthouse.

Review Mid-year:

### **Liaison Report:**

Dorothy covered in President report

### **Agency Reports:**

Newspaper article is LSSI

**Hope – Ruth Carter** reported that they have been working for the past couple of months to initiate 2 new positions and 2 new locations in Ogle County. They have received funding from VOCA/VAWA grants for another office in Polo open part-time for the rural community. They are hoping to secure an office at the KSB Clinic in Polo. Kathy Wilson suggested submitting articles to the Polo community paper (Shaw News) and wondered if 708 could offer assistance through the misc. fund to help pay for advertising. HOPE also secured grant for Latino and Spanish speaking clients providing them with an outreach location in Rochelle at the Ogle County Services building where the Health Department is located in the center of town. Both the above locations are already handicap accessible. The outreach staff will provide awareness education, crisis counseling and resource education as well as provide prevention services.

**Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling –Maureen Mostacci** reported that last year they did an additional 150 to 200 hours of counseling so the word is getting out. Summer months they have been doing a lot of health fairs and children's safety fairs providing information to parents as well as children. They have hired a part-time out-reach therapist

for someone that is in a safe space if they need to talk. This person will handle all three of the counties. They don't have much space in their building so she will travel to accommodate as necessary attending health department, schools and other locations. Also have another part-time advocate working with trafficking victims, currently located in a drop-in center in Rockford. This advocate can help access detox and substance abuse programs because victims often do not have I.D.'s and insurance cards.

**Village of Progress – Brion Brooks** reported that the Village golf outing was a big success and Mark Tremble had the first Hole-in-One in the events history. The Village is also celebrating their 50th anniversary with an open house, Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30PM and at 1:30 they are having a special presentation because the building has been renamed to the Bob Glaser training center. They have a bronze plaque they will be hanging on the wall paying tribute to Bob Glaser and John Herman from Karen Textiles.

The parking lot and landscape has all been updated. The parking lot was done by Martin and Company. Their bid was not only the lowest but they stated they would donate \$10,000 to VOP if they secured the work.

They have received some donations to create a sensory room. Have converted their physical therapy room over to a darker room with walls in green to promote comfort. They will provide foot, scalp and hand massages and use weighted blankets and music to sooth clients.

Crest foods has gifted money to remodel the activity room and update it with handicap bathrooms and better acoustics.

Etnyre has gifted funds to install automatic door openers at the Village Bakery. Possibly making it the first restaurant in Ogle County with automatic doors.

Added several individuals in their early 20's to enrollment recently.

Attended the Theology & Disabilities Institute in May and sat through a lot of great presentations

**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. – Patrick Phalen** reported that their annual golf outing is today.

Upcoming Event:

- August 17<sup>th</sup> – Gardenstock in Dixon (bands, artists, vendors)

They have seen a significant increase in demand for their programs. In June and July they added 17 new positions. Covering substance abuse treatments and clinical staff. Also trying to bring down case loads as they are currently very high. Expect to possibly add another 17 positions in the next couple of months.

Still trying to expand with a Ladies Recovery Home and asked state for funding would like to try and get it up and running in the current fiscal year

Through collaborative discussions KSB is spear heading Project Open. Directed towards addictions in general but most specifically opioid abuse. Ogle County Sheriff's Department, Rochelle Police Department, Probation Department and the Health Department involved in the planning and development of the grant process. Gaining more traction with the Ogle County Departments than have had in the past.

Also have expanded into more schools. 5 years ago they were in 4 schools in Ogle County providing counseling services and this fall they will be in 26. In the four-county area they are in 62 schools.

**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Jeremy Hooker** reported Project Leave has expanded this year with some supplemental funding and offering more education on prescription drug abuse. There will be a campaign and it will be added to the curriculum for this year. They are also seeing a much higher demand for their services. Counseling for kids in foster care now has a waiting list.

**Serenity Hospice and Home – Kathy Groenhagen** reported that the Memorial Butterfly Release was very well attended and they released more than they ever did in the past.

Received a grant from Etnyre to provide and beef up their palliative care service (chronic diagnosis management). This service is not well funded by anyone in this community. They have now added a full-time nurse practitioner and they have a nurse that will be working in the palliative care program. This grant also helped in the purchase of the electronic health records system and will be signing the contract on that Tuesday. They have tripled their census in that area in the past 30 days and plan to continue to grow.

Oregon Park District hosted the first annual Child Bereavement Camp. Attendees included some children of people they served but there were many that they had not. Creating great outreach and Kathy sees this program growing moving forward.

Virtual Dementia Tour is going crazy. Dorothy Bowers has attended one and said that it is an eye opener. Kathy is going to try and arrange for the 708 Board to do this tour when we visit their facility. Tour takes about 30 minutes and then it is followed with a debriefing that is also about 30 minutes.

Cathy Warren their lead grieve counselor attended a training in Colorado in July specifically focused on children's grieving process. They are hoping to grow this area of their services.

They have also added a lot of staff.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Sept 5, 2019 at Village of Progress, 710 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Oregon, IL

Respectfully submitted,  
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Recording Secretary

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Approved: Sept 5, 2019

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Dorothy Bowers, President

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Margaret Tyne, Secretary/Treasurer