



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE April 11, 2019 Meeting

On April 11, 2019 Nick Head 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. Nick Head presided.

The secretary called the roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Head, President, Kathleen Wilson, Tracy Brooks, Bill Sigler, Secretary/Treasurer, Marcella Haushahn, Margaret Tyne, Renee Barnhart and Dorothy Bowers, Vice President /Ogle County Board Liaison.

ABSENT: Amy Stephenitch

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

Guests: Justine Messenger and Gina Fulton

The Chair announced that we have a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the agenda as presented. Kathe Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously:**

Review and approval of the February minutes was done. **Marcella Haushahn moved to approve the February meeting minutes as presented. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for April. **Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the vouchers for April as submitted. Tracy Brooks seconded. Motion carried on roll call vote of eight ayes, no nays and one absent.**

The financial report for April was presented. **A motion was made by Kathe Wilson to approve the financial reports for April as presented. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried on roll call vote of eight ayes, no nays and one absent.**

Officer's Reports:

Nick Head referred to the information that he has sent to the Board regarding the proposal that we give to the Health, Education and Welfare Committee.

Dorothy Bowers reported that she has some wonderful news. Never do the County Board Members talk to me about the funding. I had the pleasure of attending Focus House fundraiser and at the supper a couple of Ogle County Board Members cornered me and said that they would like to see the amount of 708 funds raised up to the 1% for right now. So, I know that everyone has turned in their funding request today, but if any of the Agencies can come up with any new programs, being creative, but being realistic and present them at their funding hearing we will consider it along with the application.

Dorothy Bowers reported that the Health, Education and Welfare Committee is shooting for the last Wednesday of August for our application for funding.

Unfinished Business:

Agency Brochure - Kathe Wilson has it ready for review and will forward to Board.

Margaret Tyne reported that her family was able to use Serenity Hospice and Home and it was just wonderful.

Nick Head reminded the agencies how important it is for them to stay in front of the County Board and keep them informed about their agency.

Agency visits: In the past we have had our meetings at an agency and **Nick Head moved that at least once a year we schedule a meeting at each agency. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried on roll call vote of eight ayes, no nays and one absent.**

708 Board Video to be viewed at a future meeting.

Interview persons for recording secretarial position after the meeting.

New Business:

All Funding Applications have been turned in and times for hearings have been reviewed.

Court reporter has been contacted.

Ad Hoc Committee made up of Kathe Wilson, Renee Barnhart and Margaret Tyne to present a list of interested board members to be officers at the May 14th meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Dorothy Bowers reported nothing new with NWICCC and that they will be meeting in June.

Dorothy Bowers reported that the Shining Star committee meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will be in May.

Tracy Brooks reported on the Ogle County Cares Coalition they met on April 1st. The speaker spoke on the Open Project that we the 708 Board had previously endorsed. That was all that happened.

A memorial gift had been received for Willian A. Jones who had served on the Ogle County Mental Health (708) Board many years ago. The checks total \$235.00 Nick Head will contact the person who sent the donations and ask them where they would like the money to be donated. Kathe Wilson will talk to Bob Glaser and see if he remembers the gentleman and we can give that information to the family.

Agency Reports:

Newspaper articles are April Easter Seals and May Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

No new County Board Member visits but Nick Head reminded the Agencies that this time of year is the very best time to get in touch with the County Board and do a presentation. Also suggested a small note to each board member thanking them for the opportunity to speak and share with them about your agency. Dorothy Bowers agreed that this is a very good time to do a presentation.

Serenity Hospice and Home – Kathy Groenhagen reported that they have been very busy and that the Shed is also very busy with two bereavement classes going right now. A fundraising event next month at Stronghold. The Virtual Dementia Tour is booked clear through August.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Jeremy Hooker reported that they have been working on Grants. Our school programs have been very busy. Youth Works has another project called To Good for Violence. It is being well received and we are just getting a good start.

Easter Seals Children’s Development Center – Pattie Hobbs reported that they are just three weeks out from the Mom’s Retreat and have two places open if anyone knows of someone who needs help let us know. On May 11th a Medieval Fun Fair will be held at Stronghold. We are collaborating with Florissa, Byron Key Club, Child and Family Connections, Byron Kids, Star Net and the Ogle County Extension Office.

A little sibling workshop will also be held that day. They are making medieval costumes for the kids to wear that day. Hononegah Archery group is coming to work with the attendees.

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling –Maureen Mostacci reported that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and that they have set up info tables at schools for people to become familiar with the staff. Also doing things with Rockford University in Winnebago.

April 24th is Denim Day. People take pictures and post to Facebook to bring awareness to rape victim survivors.

Hope – Ruth Carter reported that Saturday May 4th at 1:00 PM is HOPE's 5th Annual CincoK De Mayo 5K Run/Walk. HOPE of Ogle County is also celebrating 35 years of providing domestic abuse services to Ogle County and will be celebrating 35 years at CincoK this year. CincoK is at Attwood Park/Cooper Park in Rochelle this year and kicks off Cinco de Mayo festivities. The t-shirt material is a softer quality this year and there is still time to sign up.

The Have You Filled a Bucket today project was a success. We had very positive outcomes from the teachers who used the books and supplementary website materials within the Rochelle Pre-K through 2nd grade classrooms. The teachers continue to use the books with students as the years follow.

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. – Patrick Phalen reported Expression Arts Reception Show is April 26th at 5 PM at the Pic Show in Dixon.

Community Support Team effort is being expanded to Ogle County. It offers an intensive support-based program for serious mental illness. They are working with Project Open to bring collaboration with other entities and trying to find a full-time coordinator for Safe Passages and the transitions people to bring Ogle County current. Everyone survived the electronic medical record transition brought on by the state. Sinnissippi recently hired 3 full time new psychiatrists on staff. It has proven to be a really nice thing to offer their clients. Recovery Home is going well, and it is full with a waiting list. They are hoping to open a Female ½ Way house in the future. The Recovery Home has become a kind of cultural center for recovering. He would like to bring on more local support for funding in the future.

Safe Harbor is changing its name to Lee County Recovery Support and still very active. One of the future tasks is to try and fill the volunteer schedule. Finding it difficult for support in ogle county regarding volunteers and participation interest in the mental health issues and first aid classes offered. Stating we are not where we would like to be with education and participation.

Possibility of polling participants for First Aide Mental Health Training to find out how to be more aggressive bringing in volunteers and participation in training. It is an 8-hour class and difficult to get people involved because of the time and cost. Looking to potentially break the class into two 4-hour segments. Currently have two adult instructors and two child instructors offering at least 2 trainings per year. The board mentioned a

way to promote co-sponsoring through the entities in the area to bring this to the forefront of our community.

Upcoming **Adult Mental Health First Aid** Trainings:

- May 10th – Dixon Police Department
- June 5th – KSB Hospital

Village of Progress – Brion Brooks reported that the Village is putting the finishing touches on its new 3 to 5-year strategic plan. Brion will also be attending a week-long Disability & Theology workshop in Holland, MI. The Village is also preparing to celebrate their 50th anniversary with an open house in August.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 2, 2019 at Ogle County Sheriff's Department, 202 South First Street, Oregon, IL

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: May 2, 2019

Nick Head, President

William Sigler, Secretary/Treasurer