OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE
February 2, 2012 Meetings

On February 2, 2012 Kathleen Wilson, President called a meeting of the 708 Board to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson 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. Kathleen Wilson presided.

The secretary called the roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Wilson, President; Wendy Howarter, Vice President; Louise Hall, Treasurer, Seth McCanse, Susan L. Schroeder, Laura Medlar, Martin Typer and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT: Thomas Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: James Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Craig Carpenter of Village of Progress, Lynn Knoodle of Serenity Hospice and Home, Ruth Carter of Help Offer Protective Environment (HOPE of Ogle County) and Kathleen Kurtz of Easter Seals Children's Development Center

The Chair announced a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Susan Schroeder moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wendy Howarter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the December minutes was done. **Wendy Howarter moved to approve the December meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Marty Typer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for December, January and February was done**. Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the vouchers for December, January and February as submitted. Seth McCanse seconded. Motion carried eight ayes, no nays and one absent.**

After reviewing the financial reports for December, January and February. **A motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to approve the financial reports for December,**

January and February. Seth McCanse seconded. Motion carried eight ayes, no nays and one absent.

Officer's Reports:

Newspaper article for January was Sinnissippi and they had a nice article. LSSI is next.

Dorothy Bowers had nothing to report regarding our quarterly newsletter to the County Board.

Louise Hall of the Community that Cares Program will be meeting next week.

Dorothy Bowers of the Shinning Star Program reported that they are working on fund raising and some by-laws changes.

Unfinished Business:

A new staff at Hope viewed the video "A Crises in Caring" and Martin Typer viewed it at Rotary where Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress presented a program.

Kathe Wilson asked Dorothy Bowers just what was the final amount of funds we would have to divide among the agencies this year. Dorothy Bowers said the Finance Committee presented Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($810,000.00) as our budget for FY12 to the County Board.

Regarding disposal of old records we could just have the circuit clerks office shred all papers.

New Business:

We will contact the Court Reporter for funding hearings reports and put a notice in the paper regarding applications.

Changes were made in the meeting dates and times schedule. **Motion made by Martin Typer to approve changes in meeting dates and times. Wendy Howarter seconded. Motion carried eight ayes, no nays and one absent.**

Any Other Business:

Agency reports:

James Sarver of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc – Jim Sarver reported that emergency services are up and the request for new services has been up especially in the Rochelle Office.

April 20th the Foundation will be holding their fund raising event the Annual Art Expression Sale at the Next Picture Place at 6:00 pm with viewing starting April 10th and

an auction table. You can find these pictures and info on the Sinnissippi Center's Inc. website.

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress – Craig Carpenter reported that current activity was reported in the County Board Newsletter. The Herman Building has accepted an offer from Bob Scheffler of Byron – he has a packaging company and will be using about 9,000 square feet and a local business Coil Kraft is looking at leasing another 9,000 square feet of the building for their product. This does not completely fill the building but it is being used and not setting their empty.

Payments from the State are still six months behind. We did receive an interest check.

Ruth Carter Director of Hope – Ruth Carter reported that they are also six months behind in payments from the State. Clients are staying longer and have multiple issues. We are at the present time training someone to help with social security and other possible contacts for assistance to our clients. Many need to establish skills in order to move on and make a life of their own.

For Domestic Violence Awareness next October we are looking for volunteers of all kinds to refurbish articles that we have had donated to us by local citizens at our resale shop and artist or crafter to make something out of nothing or something we have in the resale shop for our benefit. A GREEN fundraiser to be held on September 29th and these items can be used at this time.

Working with the Rochelle Police Academy again this year as we have the past few years to reach out to the local community regarding laws.

Our transitional house is occupied and they will be moving out sometime soon and we will be looking for another client to move in.

Lynn Knodle of Serenity Hospice and Home – Lynn Knoodle reported that the bereavement program continues to grow we have more and more people using our services and with the new expansion at KSB we have many more to help. We continue all the bereavement groups and have also added a bereavement group that will be at KSB Hospital. Anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year has come over to our group for services. We have met with all of them and let them know what we have to offer. One neat thing that has developed from KSB is a group of volunteers that were looking to see if they want to switch their support from KSB to us and they make cards, note pads, book marks etc using real pressed flowers.

In the spring they are planning to build a gazebo with a walkway and using this as a fundraiser.
We are struggling with Palmento, which is where we receive some our funding and they are auditing all the clients to make sure that they are hospice appropriate. They are holding all of the funding until they are sure that they qualify and that could be up to 90 days behind in receiving funding.

We have been averaging from 4 to 5 patients at the Serenity Hospice Home.

Kathy Warren the Bereavement Coordinator is presenting a program at Hope about children in grief. Lynn Knodle myself just did a presentation for the Kiwanis Club at KSB about Serenity Hospice and Home

Kathleen Kurtz of Easter Seals Children's Development Center – Kathleen reported the Family Support division has moved to 815 North Church Street and we just now have phone and computer service. It has been a very labor-intensive move and we are so glad it is done.

Patty Mook has kept things moving for the Christmas season provided parties and information to the clients.

Rhonda Best will be presenting a workshop at St Mary's Church in Byron from 6 to 9 pm it will be on Behavior and Discipline issues for parents and grandparents raising grandchildren we see more and more of these issues and people needing this support.

The State is paid up through October.

We are working with Rockford to resurrect an old fair that they used to have every year called Child Fair on April 25th where agencies will come together this year at Heartland Church to benefit children 0 through 8. If anyone is interested you can have a booth for $25. and they would like you to also present an activity in your booth. If you need information contact me and I will give you more info.

Susan Loyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Susan Loyd was not available.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 12, 2012 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: April 12, 2012

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Kathleen Wilson, President

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Louise Hall, Secretary/Treasurer