OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE
April 12, 2012 Meetings

On April 12, 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, Thomas Smith and Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT:

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

The Chair announced a quorum.

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

Review and approval of the February minutes was done. **Tom Smith moved to approve the February meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Laura Medlar. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for March and April was done**. Louise Hall moved to approve the vouchers for March and April as submitted. Tom Smith seconded. Motion carried nine ayes, no nays and no absent.**

After reviewing the financial reports for March and April. **A motion was made by Wendy Howarter to approve the financial reports for March and April. Dorothy Bowers seconded. Motion carried nine ayes, no nays and no absent.**

Officer's Reports:

Kathe mentioned that the new quarterly update had been sent out and that two agencies had not responded. The agencies were reminded of the importance of these articles.

Kathe shared an article from Discover magazine regarding Children and Young Adults who exhibit significant symptoms of mental illness at some point is 82.5 in ages from 9 to 21 years of age. The startling statistic comes from a collaborative study conducted by Duke University and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, which surveyed 1,420 children over 12 years beginning in 1993. Investigators checked in up to nine times to test for anxiety, depression, addiction, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and more. The results: 61.1 percent met the diagnostic criteria for mental illness during at least one appointment, while an additional 21.4 percent had problems bad enough to interfere with school, social life, or family relations. Just like physical disease, mental illness affects nearly all of us at times, says study co other and psychologist E. Jane Costello. " We have to destigmatize the idea of mental disorder", she says. "We shouldn't be surprised that the brain has problems, just like the rest of the body".

Newspaper article for March was Hospice, they had many wonderful articles in the newspaper and April is Easter Seals.

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

Louise Hall of the Community that Cares Program reported that everything is going forward it is just amazing what is going on in all four counties. One of the interesting things that they have been passing out throughout the four is an Integrating Mental Health and Primary Care pamphlet. Ogle County is passing out magnets that have the Community that Cares services that are available. There is assessment and treatment guidelines on a community based guidelines. They are reaching out to people in all four of the counties. At the beginning of this year they chose certain people on the steering board to be voting members and I will be one of them. If anyone is interested in being the backup for Louise in case she is not available. The meetings are on the second Thursday of the month from 11:00 thru 1:00, with lunch provided at Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. Lots of outreach going on throughout the four counties. I am very impressed with the vision and the ability that is going on. The Doctors and Schools are really where they want this to start so that they have early access to the help that is available. Amy Adams is doing a great job with this program.

Dorothy Bowers of the Shinning Star Program reported that the next meeting is in two weeks.

Unfinished Business:

Hope viewed the video at a training "A Crises in Caring" and Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress presented it to new employees.

Some Human Services Directory and Brochures are still not delivered.

Open Meeting Act certification for any Public Body Member was discussed.

Everyone was given the Economic Interest form to fill out and return to the County Clerk.

New Business:

Kathe Wilson shared the letter written regarding the Village of Progress bus grant. Discussion followed regarding LOTS (Lee Ogle Transportation Service) and availability for use by the agencies.

The following agencies presented their funding applications and the time was set for their presentation as follows:

May 3, 2012	7am Regular Meeting and 7:30am Village Of Progress
May 8, 2012	7am Hope 8am ESCDC Funding Hearing
May 10, 2012	7am SCI Funding Hearing
May 15, 2012	7am Serenity Hospice and Home Funding Hearing
May 17, 2012	**7:30 am** Discussion & Decision and Election

Any Other Business:

Marty Typer talked about the financial situation that the County is in and suggested that the agencies take this into consideration and do what they can to bring mental awareness issues to the county and community.

Agency reports:

James Sarver of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc – Jim Sarver reported that the LOTS program is very successful for their clients it saves us money in our transportation costs. We have been working with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Alcohol Substance and Abuse trying to receive subsidies for the clients that do not have the funds and cannot afford to pay for the transportation. Everything is being worked out well.

Jim Sarver shared the 5310 and 5311 transportation programs combination that they have to be very clear as to how they use these vehicles for hours other than when LOTS is available.

Jim Sarver reported that Ogle County is the busiest of all four counties that they represent regarding the demand for services. That the Governor is still heading for closing the Singer Home in Rockford by October. Jim Sarver is Chair on a board of a group of agencies that has been working together for the past 40 years on service delivery of a nine county area of the state, we have representatives from different agencies that are participating in what we call the Regional Reintegration Committee that is working with on dealing with not the closing of Singer, but the dying of the service delivery system and

getting proper access to services throughout the nine county region in anticipation that they are closing Singer. The state as a part of this process has identified six committees as a part of this process. They are Hospital Engagement, Services, Finance, Media, Legislative and Education Committees. They are asking for people to serve on these committee's to come forward and more information will be coming out looking for people interested in serving on these committees. We will do the best we can to keep you informed as this process progresses. Bill Eden of Rosecrance of Rockford has presented our alternative and it has been praised by the Director of Mental Health as a good plan and it is now collectively our job and our agencies job to make sure that the plan is implemented. Our agency in the last four weeks has had at least 30 after hour assessments and presentations for hospitalization and we have not been able to get one person into Singer. Some agencies have had a client sitting in the emergency room for over 170 hours waiting for placement. The last person that Susan Schroeder had sat in the hospital for five days and then was hospitalized clear down in Champaign. This is not good for the client or the hospital where they are being held. We do have a need for some level of State Operated Facility like Singer, but maybe not Singer for inpatient hospitalization and the state is working with us regarding this. Central Management Committee controls what is happening to Singer.

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.

August 16th is Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. Foundation Golf fundraiser at Timber Creek.

Senator Severson told Jim Sarver that the state has ten billion dollars of unpaid bills in Springfield.

Lorrie Bearrows of Serenity Hospice and Home –Lorrie Bearrows reported that their groups are doing very very well and growing. They are training one of the volunteers, who has an interest in bereavement services, to pro-work with Kathy Warren our Bereavement Coordinator because our groups are getting to large that it takes two people to work with that many people. We can only have 14 people in the living room at one time. These groups are being used not only by Hospice Families, but also by the community. Thank you for sending these people to us.

We have three fundraisers coming up; the first will be the Jonathan Knodle Golf Outing to be held at Prairie View Golf Course on June 16th with 7:00am registration for $75. The Rick Hahn Memorial Run will be on August 5th and a new fundraiser this year will be the Garden Gazebo Luncheon on May 19th. In the spring we are going to build a gazebo really with the purpose of offering naming rights, to bricks, pavers etc. The Gazebo itself will be a memorial of loved ones. And the money raised will be used toward paying off the mortgage. The luncheon will be catered with a live and silent auction.

We have been averaging from 4 to 5 patients at the Serenity Hospice Home. We are very very pleased with the use of the Serenity Home. We are getting lots of wonderful feedback.

Lorrie Bearrows has a seat on the Hospice Nurses Association Board and we just had a National Meeting in Denver and I did present. Is also Co-Chair of Illinois Advisory Board of the Department of Public Health Hospice Care Division and those meetings are going very well. What we need to do across the state is raise the excellence of the Hospice services, we train the state surveyors to go into long-term care facilities and train them in appropriate hospice care. We have done this for a number of years in Northern Illinois and now we have been asked to do this training on an annual basis. What this translates to is that it helps you know the quality of the hospice services that the people of Ogle County are being offered the best possible services. We are the one and only Hospice that they call to serve.

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress – Craig Carpenter reported that their 19th Golf Fundraiser is going to be on July 16th at Silver Ridge Golf Course in conjunction with Larry Young and Friends Charities and the Village of Progress Foundation. We have done this for the last 11 or 12 years together.

This month they have been preparing the 708 Application and the United Way Application and the IDOT Transportation Grant.

Four groups of Village of Progress consumers and staff have traveled to Sterling, on field trips, to tour the production areas of the Wahl Clipper Company in Sterling. This was a unique experience for them as for several years they have been packaging these clippers that Wahl Clipper makes. In March last year the Village of Progress has packaged two million clippers for them. Almost every consumer is involved with this project in some aspect. Even the very limited are able to participate in this job.

The Polar Plunge was held in early March and a consumer or two and some staff took part. They take pledges and it benefits Northwest Illinois Special Olympics. Of course it was held on the one weekend in March that it was really really cold.

Coil Kraft has taken a lease for 9,000 square feet of the building for their product and we have put up a temporary wall up to divide this off for their use. Bob Scheffler of Byron – he has a packaging company and has increased from 9,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet, now we have 21,000 square feet of the front part of the building that is being used. The back 22,000 square feet is being used by Wahl Clipper. This is some very good news for us. We still have a section in the front of approximately 17,000 square feet that is not being used; there is a possibility that Bob Scheffler may need more room.

Missy Wilson of Easter Seals Children's Development Center – Missy Wilson reported that Family Support Division, Rhonda Best presented a workshop in February 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. On March 15th they hosted another workshop at the same location, with Attorney Chuck Rose spoke to the parents about Special Needs Trust and Guardianship.

We are planning another Annual Family Fun Night at the Ice Arena in Rockford.

We are currently working with a family in Davis Junction that is at risk of having their rehabilitation services cut by the state. She has an appointment with State Representative, Bob Pritchard and attended the meeting with the family and he was very receptive to the needs of the family and his office is trying to find them assistance, while he shares this information with follow politicians.

I have spent the month doing funding applications for Ogle County United Way, Boone County United Way and the Ogle County 708 Board.

Ruth Carter Director of Hope – Ruth Carter reported that they have had a noticeable increase in teen clients. They have a few now and then, but for some reason there was an increase. We have working very closely with them trying to get the parents on board and make some headway. We do meet teens over at the high school during the school year, which sometimes makes it easier to get to them.

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

A while back the requested expedited payments from the state and they are now only two months behind. They are very excited about that.

We have applied for the Forty Hour Training Process that the State of Illinois, Certified Professional Board to become a training site. And we are qualified as an official training site. We can train our staff and then we can train other agencies. At this time we are just planning to have training sessions where the fee just covers our expenses and not use this as a fundraising tool.

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 May 3, 2012 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: May 3, 2012

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