OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE

September 3, 2009 Meetings

On September 3, 2009, 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, Louise Hall, Treasurer, Marcia Heuer, Laura Medlar, Wendy Howarter, Dorothy Bowers, Ogle County Board Liaison

ABSENT: Susan Schroeder, Vice President, Emery Harmon

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice, Susan Loyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Marilyn Montgomery and Ruth Carter of Help Offer Protective Environment (HOPE of Ogle County) Kathleen Kurtz and Patti Hobbs of Easter Seals Children's Development Center and Craig Carpenter of Village of Progress

The Chair announced a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Dorothy Bowers moved to accept the agenda as amended. Louise Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the August minutes was done. **Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the minutes for the August meeting as corrected. Seconded by Wendy Howarter. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for September was done**. Dorothy Bowers moved to approve the vouchers for September as submitted. Louise Hall seconded. Motion carried six ayes, no nays and two absent.**

After reviewing the financial report for September. **A motion was made by Dorothy Bowers to approve the financial report for September as presented. Wendy Howarter seconded. Motion carried six ayes, no nays and two absent.**

Officer's Reports:

Newspaper article for August was Easter Seals Children's Development Center. September article will be Village of Progress.

Dorothy Bowers no new information regarding comments from Board Members.

Unfinished Business:

The video " A Crises in Caring " reported two new showings.

Kathe Wilson felt that doing the Survey did raise consciousness of the need for support of the Mental Health Organization.

Health, Education and Welfare hearing was on August 28th at the Ogle County Farm Bureau Building at 8:00 am. It went very well it was handled much different than prior years. They had each group come in separately from another area and ask questions and having the Sheriff speak on our behalf was very beneficial.

Louise Hall mentioned that she had seen that the Ogle County Regional Planning Commission was doing a survey with responses online. After much discussion the cost of doing this was far more than we could afford.

New Business:

Kathe Wilson suggested a committee to go over the Mid-Year Reports and Funding Applications. It was decided to e-mail the reports to all members and they are to make any suggestions or comments. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Agency reports:

Susan Lloyd of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois - Susan Loyd reported they have gotten their contracts and the cuts were there although not as severe as predicted. About a 10% cut on most of the contracts were done. In reviewing the outcome measures on the service line was a high 87% success on counseling and 84% in the emergency response.

Lorrie Bearrows of Ogle County Hospice – A big Thank You to the 708 Board. With regards to payments in the last three days we have received $401,000 back pay. The Federal arrearage is $220,000. Hospice has gone to a staff management company HR Experts because we now have 47 employees and it was better to hire them than to hire staff with the expertise to handle our business. We now have a company out of Rockford, which is part of the Morrison Group and they will be handling all of our business. Our census is at an all time high it has gone from 68 to 98.

Lorrie Bearrows reported that any domestic violence child could come to Angel Treasures for clothes for free.

Ruth Carter the new Director of Hope and Marilyn Montgomery –Hope is in a critical situation also they have had more cuts. The Adult Counselor has been cut and shifting around the positions to cover everything. We of course have an increase in services along with this. We did receive a 10% cut in Government Funding. Our reserve funds are what we are operating on. Bake and Book Sale in October for Domestic Violence and Close line Project for victim's awareness.

Jim Sarver and Kim James of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc – Jim Sarver reported that on October 8th they would be having Annual Person Screening Day each office will be open 2 to 4 and anyone can walk into the office and have a screening. It does not just screen for depression. It also screens for anxiety and other disorders. Jim Sarver wanted to thank the 708 Board for their responses and presence at the HEW Meeting. What did they the HEW Committee approve? It was $807,298.00

We have also received some good news in the cuts department they have not been as bad as they initially though, although we are still getting cuts up to $200,000 for substance abuse. We are not providing any salary increases and asking employees to take 5 days of no pay. We have eliminated 50% of employer participation in the retirement match. About $300,000 in cut backs at this time.

Craig Carpenter of the Village of Progress – Craig Carpenter reported that things are still unsettled, but that they have received some of the FY09 money that was due. It looks like FY10 Cash Basis is going to be difficult because they are going to need the money to pay off the FY09 contracts. We did get good news that some of the grants have been reinstated, but in January they will see if they have money and then decide about the grants. We will be waiting to see how this goes forward.

This is our 40th Anniversary on September 3, 1969 of the Village of Progress and we still have three staff and nine consumers. 708 has been a part of us the entire time and with the Governor signing legislation with the 708 bill in it in 1968 which made some money available at the County level. Thank You for the last 40 years of support.

Kathleen Kurtz and Patti Hobbs of Easter Seals Children's Development Center – reported some of the funding has been restored and they were able to call back some of the staff. There is a Make and Take Program scheduled for Ogle County on October 2, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the site still needs to be determined.

Six women are now registered from Ogle County for the Mom's Retreat at Bishop Lane Retreat.

The Ogle Mom's Autism Group will start back up on September 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Byron.

We provided individual family support services to six families in Ogle County.

We are looking to hire another staff person for outreach in Ogle County

Mark Twain Days are September 12th 9 to 12 with proceeds going to CASA.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be October 1, 2009 at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, Jefferson Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: October 1, 2009

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Kathleen Wilson, President Louise Hall, Secretary/Treasurer