



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE March 1, 2018 Meeting

On March 1, 2018 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, Amy Stephenitch, Bill Sigler, Secretary/Treasurer, Tracy Brooks, Lowell Harp, and Dorothy Bowers, Vice President /Ogle County Board Liaison.

ABSENT: Kathleen Wilson and Margaret Tyne

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Thomason and Sarah Schulcherpot of Sinnissippi Center's Inc., Diane Johnson of HOPE, Nancy Tieman of Serenity Hospice and Home, Jeremy Hooker of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Brion Brooks of the Village of Progress, Maureen Mostacci of Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc. and Eileen Leizert of Family Counseling Services.

The Chair announced that we have a quorum.

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

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

Officer's Reports:

Nick Head shared a letter that he is going to present to the Ogle County Board. Copy attached.

Dorothy Bowers reported that Shining Star met last week. She reported that they are reorganizing.

Dorothy Bowers reported that all is going well with Northern Illinois Children's Care Collaborative. Ogle County Health Department had applied for a grant to work on Mental Health Issues.

Dorothy Bowers reminded the agencies that they need to make a presence at the County Board Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Nick Head contacted Jim Anderson, Chairman of the Mount Carroll 708 Board on how they did their recent fundraiser and handed out information regarding the same. Much discussion followed regarding the Board actually having a fundraiser and other ways that the Board could be present at some of the agency fundraisers and events that they are involved in to help with Mental Health Issues.

Regarding fundraising we tried to set up a committee and will discuss at the next meeting. Bill Sigler and Jennifer Thomason offered to work on it.

Agencies to contact County Board Members and present at the County Board during the year. **ACTION**

New Business:

Jennifer Thomason of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. shared with the Board that they held a meeting with the Sheriff and other agencies regarding forming a collaborative like PRISM in Lee County here in Ogle County to address mental illness, substance abuse etc. A meeting open to the public is scheduled for April 9th at 10:00 am at Ogle County Health Services Building which is located in Rochelle, just across the street from the Post Office. The plan is to Bring Us Together.

Nick Head suggested we look into publishing the Human Services Directory again.

Agency Reports:

Newspaper articles are LSSI is March will be Hospice and April is Easter Seals

Patti Mook of Easter Seals Children's Development Center –

Jennifer Thomason of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. -

Jennifer Thomason reported Recovery Home is ready to open on March 19th and is located at 922 Washington Street, Dixon and they have 10 beds available for men only at this time and 3 men are from Ogle County. Working on one for women and then families.

Maureen Mostacci, Executive Director, with Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling

Maureen Mostacci reported that they are doing well and that this is Sexual Assault Month and they will be displaying their Clothes Line Project around different places and if you would like to participate let her know.

Eileen M. Liezert, LCSW Executive Director of Family Counseling Services –

Eileen Liezert reported that they are holding a fundraiser Cheaters Spelling Bee that is taking place on April 27th. They are working on being able to provide Medicaid counseling, our target population are those people who have financial issues. Even the sliding fee schedule doesn't help all the time.

Nancy Tieman of Serenity Hospice and Home –

Nancy Tieman reported they have been very busy training caregivers regarding Dementia. As of this month they have trained around 200 caregivers. They have finished five days of training of 100% of the staff at the Franklin Grove Nursing Facility.

They are working on the Horizon Walk which is a mile-long walk around the Serenity Home. People can donate and have a seat or something placed along the walk-in memory of someone.

Jeremy Hooker of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois –

Jeremy Hooker reported that remodeling process is still in the works and would like everyone to come see when finished.

February newspaper article was done.

Diane Johnson and of Hope –

Diane Johnson reported that the Heart fundraiser is coming up on March 3rd and the Cincok 5 K Run is on May 5th starting at 1:00 pm.

The Fill a Bucket project that we applied for books for the Rochelle school classrooms Pre-K through 1st grade is moving forward. HOPE received the books and has delivered books to the educators.

Brion Brooks of the Village of Progress –

Brion Brooks reported that they are looking at going into a partnership and working with LOTS regarding transportation and it will really help with moving the clients around.

This is our strategic planning year for the board and we are starting on that process. Bringing the village in to the community with Inter-Grated Competitive Employment. We have come along ways. We had the Village Cleaning Service and the Village

Bakery. A new material handling project that looks like it is going to grow quite large, where we will provide the labor for a warehouse that is coming to Oregon. Where our clients will work alongside of other workers and we are so excited about that. At this time, we have 4 or 5 employees that will be working with some clients with disabilities. The facility is moving the operation to the Pines Road location and we will receive anywhere from 5 to 10 loads a week and send out the same.

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 12, 2018 at Ogle County Sheriff's Department, 202 South First Street, Oregon, IL

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary

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Approved: April 12, 2018

Nick Head, President

William Sigler, Secretary/Treasurer