On October 3, 2019 Dorothy Bowers called a meeting of the 708 Board to order at 7:30 a.m. in the HOPE meeting room located at 321 West Avenue H, Rochelle, Illinois at the call of the secretary and notice given to each board member and notice posted at the Ogle County Courthouse and HOPE. Dorothy Bowers presided.

The secretary called the roll:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dorothy Bowers (President/Ogle County Board Liaison), Tracy Brooks, Marcella Haushahn, Nick Head, Amy Henkel, Bill Sigler and Kathleen Wilson (Vice-President).

**ABSENT:** Renee Barnhart, Margaret Tyne (Secretary/Treasurer)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brion Brooks of the Village of Progress, Ruth Carter of HOPE, Patrick Phalen and Ashley Koza of Sinnissippi Center’s Inc., Chris Mills of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Patti Mook of Easter Seals, Michelle Pauley of Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc. and Angie Theisen of Serenity.

The Chair announced that we have a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: **Kathleen Wilson moved to accept the agenda as presented. Marcella Haushahn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the September minutes was done. **Tracy Brooks moved to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Nick Head seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for October. **Kathleen Wilson moved to approve the vouchers for October as submitted. Marcella Haushahn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The financial report for October was presented. **A motion was made by Tracy Brooks to approve the financial reports for October as presented. Bill Sigler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
Officer’s Report:

Dorothy Bowers (President) reported that Kim Gouker the OCB Chairman passed away and John Finfrock has stepped into his position. Nothing to report with the HEW committee.

Kathleen Wilson (VP) reported they are working on the 708 video and will add more at new business.

Unfinished Business and Possible:

Bill Sigler reported that at last meeting we discussed reviewing and updating the funding application. The committee decided that they where going to send that back to the full board for action on it. This will be moved to next month’s discussions.

Review By-Laws – Motion to approve by all.

Review 3-year plan – update board members and revision date and then submit for approval at November meeting.

New Business, discussion and possible action:

Human Services Directory (light paper) – Kathleen Wilson discussed that we divide into sections and have people contact listed agencies for approval of information provided and they are still working with Ogle County. Report back any changes that need to be made at the Nov 7th meeting. Target date for distribution will be after the first of the year. Distribution will be from a couple of methods. Hand delivery, newspaper, email and mailing.

Crisis and Emergency – Amy Henkel
Substance Abuse Treatment – Marcy Haushahn
Parent and Children’s Services – Nick Head
Housing, Food, Energy and Transportation Assistance – Kathe Wilson
Government / Court Services – Dorothy Bowers
Servicios Hispanos – Kathe Wilson (Ruth Carter will give you Spanish contacts)
Mental Health and Counseling Services – Bill Sigler
Health Related Services – Tracy Brooks
Senior Citizens Services – Marcy Haushahn
Special Education and Special Needs Services – Bill Sigler

There is money in the budget for the newspaper distribution of the Human Service Directory. Will wait to vote on this until all updates have been made.

708 Video Committee (Tracy Brooks, Kathe Wilson and Bill Sigler) – progress
Kathleen Wilson reported that there are a number of things they want to do with bringing this video to date. The committee feels that 20 minutes is a good amount of time for the video. RSAC needs to be added. Update signage. A questionnaire was developed to provide agencies to gain knowledge of what type of content (visual and data) to have on
video and if they want anything different from the brochure as well as the old video. A request was made seeing if they have footage of clients interviewed, groups conducted that they have releases for.

Nick Head is going to get in touch with Data Scan to see if they will reproduce a few of the current videos to provide to agencies for reference.

Tracy Brooks has contacted Media Services and the video is something that they are capable of producing. A price will be discussed when it is disclosed what the video will entail. It could be between $5,000-$10,000 depending on what is involved in production. Donations are going to have to be received to produce.

Kathleen Wilson wants to make sure that homelessness is addressed in the video. Specifically referencing the VOP.

Brian Brooks would like to confirm what the use and intent of the video is for. Driving what the content should be and how it should be presented.

Dorothy Bowers would like the video presented to the county board and local law enforcement, sheriff’s office, rotary groups, government agencies and schools. Making them aware of what is available in our community. A link to ogle county website would be beneficial for easy access. Patrick Phelan discussed making it modular so that it could be agency specific keeping people’s attention. The end result of the video should be more county awareness and what agencies are involved in Ogle County and their available services.

Nick Head suggested senior management or a client success story to be part of the video.

Tracy Brooks will follow after the meeting by emailing samples of work that Media Services has done.

Brian Brooks mentioned that the goal of the agencies if they are talking to government people it should be about what is their specific impact in the county.

Marcy Haushahn wanted to point out that there are people that need help that are not dangerous.

**Liaison Report:**

**Shining Star** – Dorothy Bowers reported that last meeting they talked mostly about the audit that they came through well.

**Northwestern Illinois Children’s Care Collaborative** – Dorothy Bowers reported that they have not had a meeting since August and their next meeting is in December.

**Ogle County Care Collaboration** – Dorothy Bowers reported that she has not been involved in it yet. It is Monday, Oct 7th from 12:30-3:00 PM. It is a pot luck open meeting in the Ogle County Services meeting in Rochelle at 510 Lincoln Highway. There will be representatives from United Way and community stake holders

**Agency Reports:**
Newspaper article was Easter Seals.

**Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling – Michelle Pauly** reported that they are heavily in the schools with approximately 30 individual clients currently. Doing 3 strong cell plus groups in the schools and an adult survivor over 6 weeks on Saturday mornings with the hope of making it a continuous group moving forward as a 6-week program three times a year. Still doing the PD trainings with the collaboration of HOPE and Shinning Star. Next week will be in Byron. October will be Ogle County Sheriff’s Dept pairing with the State Attorney’s office for training.

**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Chris Mills** reported that they recently hosted a reunion for those that lived at LSSI during the 60’s and 70’s and approximately 25 people came. They toured the Dixon High School after the gathering. People came from out of state to attend. Project Lead (substance abuse prevention) Program is super busy and they have been doing the Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit. They have been speaking to groups of people providing education on social media risks and vaping concerns. Starting to teach the Too Good for Drugs curriculum in the Ogle County Schools. Youth Works on violence prevention recently grew from just serving Ogle and Lee counties to now including Whiteside and Carroll counties. They have named Jackie Smith (Ogle County Lead Worker) as a prevention supervisor to oversee the growing need of their programs. Also looking to hire another staff member to help cover the demand of the growth. Youth Works has seen tremendous growth with Danielle Horst taking off and running, bringing the program to 5 Ogle County Schools for this year when there was only 2 in 2018. Chris feels that prevention programs will continue to grow with collaboration as people continue to see the need for them. They are doing the substance abuse program for part of the year and then the violence prevention program the other part as they go hand in hand. It is a busy time of year for CCBYS with kids transitioning back into school you see more conflict in homes. They are getting more of their discretionary services where they are able to provide counseling services to prevent kids from running away.

**Hope – Ruth Carter** reported on their new HOPE brochures and asked who would like some for distribution. Marissa (Outreach Advocate) has started spreading them out in Polo and the rest of Ogle County. Spreading more awareness with the new office in Polo accompany the office in the Ogle County Service Building. Dolce Lopez is beginning the Second Step Hub After School Project working with kids during their downtime in fun and creative ways to present social and emotional learning skills. Safe Dates – get real groups at the Rochelle High School during the flex hour on Thursdays. Students come together during the 40-minute period to support each other and find creative ways to spread the word on healthy relationships and non-violence. Stats have been gathered for the past school year. HOPE served 521 individuals and assisted with 102 protection orders with advocates in Ogle County. Have a new court advocate in training, Vaun, hired to replace Ashley that moved into a dispatch position in Sterling area. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and there will be more community involvement to boost awareness during this month.

Touched a bit on three different kinds of protections orders.

RSA C helps with the No Contact Order / Sexual Contact order = Non-familiar / Non-relationship order.
HOPE helps with relationship, past relationship, family relationship, Caretaker relationship orders. Stalking no contact order, neighbor, acquaintance, co-worker, a person you have never lived with.

Hope guides people on going to the circuit clerk’s office to submit the paperwork when there are no relationship issues and to complete the Stalking No Contact Order.

Jens walk in remembrance of Jennifer Underhill is Saturday, October 12th at 1 PM in Rochelle at Teen Town next to park district. Registration begins at noon.

**Serenity Hospice and Home – Angie Thiesen** reported lately they are focusing on the Palliative Care Program. Use to contract it out to another agency but they have now brought it in house. They have hired a nurse practitioner and RN to currently serve approximately 27 people. The program is viewed as a marketing tool for mental health because people don’t want to sign up for hospice because of the stigma that goes with the term “hospice”. It is a way to ease them into hospice by still getting treatments such as IV fluids but not as aggressive as if they were a true hospice patient. Also, allows monitoring when full treatment is no longer a necessity.

**Village of Progress – Brion Brooks** reported TOSOC bike ride was very organized but not well attended probably because of the weather. There has been an uptick in men and woman attending the village for the first time. Feels that it is directly related to the two-year gap when people are not eligible for services and they are aging out of it. Village Bakery continues to grow with a growth in sales of 10-30% monthly above last year. OCEC interns back again. Recently hired a young woman 16/17 years of age that attends the Byron school to work on Wednesday evening for a few hours that is elated to be part of the bakery.

**Sinnissippi (Oregon office) – Ashley Koza** reported they are doing a lot of school-based programs currently. Katie Mitchell will be doing circle of security group (parent educational group for kids under 10).

**Easter Seals – Patti Mook** reported a couple of weekends back they had a Sip Shop with Florissa and Star Net at Lowell State Park. Nine kids attended with 5 being from Ogle County. They do arts and crafts as a way to lead into conversations about challenges they face being a sibling of a child with a disability. The kids that have been attending look forward to another class and presenting ideas of what they would like to do.

October 23rd there will be training at the Oregon public library “Is your child a target of bullying?” Class is not just specific to children with disabilities it is for anyone that has a child in the school system. There will be a dinner at 5:30 and the training session goes from 6-8 PM. 15 people need to register to hold session.

Three weeks from Friday is retreat weekend.

**Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. – Patrick Phalen** reported they have added 24 new staff members in the last 2 months which is about 18% of their total staff. He projects in the
next year they may add another 50 because of the community demand for mental health services and substance abuse programs as well as new projects including the school-based services. Currently are in 31 schools, at this time a few years back it was 4. Launching some new programs with contracts for managed care organizations. Helping people get to their doctor appointments or take medicine correctly, get all health care needs met. This covers approximately 800 lives that are being managed with care coordination. People being helped have mental illness and/or physical illnesses that pose challenges when trying to do on their own.

Finalized the contract on the lady’s recovery home but it is still contingent on approximately $400,000 of state funding. Hope to be up and running next year.

Integrated health homes are a big thing. Anticipates taking on another 1200-1300 people by March 1st of 2020 that they will provide integrated care for.

Leadership retreat was the other day on handling the flow of the projects that have been being worked on for a few years and now coming into play.

Every September they have a recovery celebration for people overcoming their addictions. The open AA meeting was incredibly moving about where people were, are now and how they are contributing the large recovery program.

**Public Comment:**
None

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be November 7, 2019 at Serenity, 1658 S. IL Route 2, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: November 7, 2019

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Dorothy Bowers, President  Margaret Tyne, Secretary/Treasurer