



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE February 6, 2020 Meeting

On February 6, 2020 Dorothy Bowers called a meeting of the 708 Board to order at 7:30 a.m. in the Ogle County Sheriff's Training Room, 202 South First Street, Oregon, Illinois at the call of the secretary and notice given to each board member and notice posted at the Ogle County Courthouse and Ogle County Sheriff's Office. Dorothy Bowers presided.

The secretary called the roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Renee Barnhart, Dorothy Bowers (President/Ogle County Board Liaison), Marcella Haushahn, Margaret Tyne (Secretary/Treasurer) and Kathleen Wilson (Vice-President)

ABSENT: Tracy Brooks, Amy Henkel, Bill Sigler

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

The Chair announced that we have a quorum.

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

Review and approval of the December minutes was done. **Renee Barnhart moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Marcella Haushahn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Review and approval of the agency vouchers for February and March 2020. **Marcella Haushahn moved to approve the vouchers as submitted. Renee Barnhart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The financial report for February and March 2020 was presented. **A motion was made by Kathleen Wilson to approve the financial reports as presented. Renee Barnhart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Officer's Report:

President - Dorothy Bowers stated no one on the Ogle County Board has approached her with questions on the 708 and she has nothing to report with the HEW committee.

Vice President - Kathleen Wilson – nothing to report.

Unfinished Business and Possible:

Human Services Directory (HSD) (light paper) – It was brought to the table to have the HSD done as an insert to the Ogle County Life paper for the sum of \$500. **A motion was made by Margaret Tyne to approve the HSD be run in the paper as presented. Kathleen Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

708 Video Committee (Tracy Brooks, Kathleen Wilson and Bill Sigler) – Kathleen Wilson - No updates.

New Business, discussion and possible action:

Agency Financial Situation are due – Discuss during Agency Reports portion of meeting.

Funding Applications to Agencies – Everyone confirmed receipt. Due date is April 9th, 2020. Agencies need to provide copies to each board member and an extra for the audit.

Vacant Seat – Promote position to fill – If members know of someone that might be interested, they can contact Dorothy or fill out an application at the county clerk's office. Justine asked if this something that can be run on Facebook or other forms of social media and was informed that is acceptable.

Contact Court Reporter – Court reporter has agreed to be present for all financial hearing meetings.

Entity SEI Certification Report – Filed with courthouse on Jan 27th, 2020.

Liaison Report:

Shining Star – Dorothy Bowers reported that they had a meeting December. Nothing to report.

Northwestern Illinois Children's Care Collaborative – Dorothy Bowers reported that she is not receiving notice of meetings via email.

Agency Reports:

Newspaper Article – February is LSSI, March is Hospice

Dorothy Bowers recommend to the agencies if they received extra funding to make sure and note what that went towards in the applications for 2021. Some county board members are questioning how it is being utilized.

Easter Seals – Patti Mook reported that they have added two new families to the respite program with the increase in funds from the 708. One of the families is in Rochelle and has two elementary aged children with autism. The other family resides in Polo. Happy they are now able to expand out to more of the county to provide that service. Going to start providing yoga mats and a book that can be taken home for attendees to practice what they are implementing during their yoga program with the Oregon Public Library and Florissa. The scheduled instruction sessions will run March through May and September through November.

Family Counseling Services – Justine is getting undeliverable notices when sending via email and wondered if we need to reach out or is that not our responsibility. We are currently not funding anything for them but have in the past. Eileen is retired but Renee corresponds with her and will follow up.

Hope – Ruth Carter reported the past Saturday they had their *From the Heart* Event. It went really well and they met their goal of \$50,000.

The Ogle County Housing authority worked with the Polo outreach office to send a mailing to all landlords and residents in the area. It is a subtle way to get the information to those that might be in an abusive relationship, showing there is help available.

Sight visit is coming up March 5th for VOCA (Victims of Crime Act). Funding is through state but it is federally funded.

Through the Rochelle Area Community Foundation Funds they have completed their video and it is now on their website. Turned out very nice but they need to acknowledge on the video that the children shown are actors.

Financial situation - Is going well. Department of Human Services Funds are very broad but help with counseling, shelter expenses, administrative and court advocacy are coming in regularly now. Their ESG funds that help cover the shelter services just started coming in. The 708 additional funds are supplementing additional services they provide in shelter. They now have dual shift coverage in the evening allowing advocates to work with clients one on one and be able to answer the 24-hour hotline and man incoming traffic. They are also able to use it towards more daytime coverage to lesson the load on that shift as well.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Chris Mills reported that things feel very busy with the end of the school year approaching and making sure that they have all the curriculums covered for the *Too Good for Drugs* and the *Too Good for Violence* programs. They are working on scheduling for the *Hidden in Plain Sight* Exhibit. It is a mock layout of a teenage bedroom for adults to tour. Teaches them about different trends that are happening with youth and what red flags to watch for. Working on a new brochure for *Project Lead* that should be ready to share soon. The push for the Illinois

Youth Survey is big because it should be done every two years and 2018 was the last time it was completed. Discussions during the December meeting prompted her to go back and review the 2018 survey. The national average for depression among 10th graders for the state was 33%, Ogle County came back at 42%. The national average for suicide among 10th graders for the state was 16%, Ogle County came back at 25%. Will dig deeper into all topics that are linked to this once the results for the 2020 version are published in the fall. Benefits are access to prior surveys to see if the trends have increased or decreased. Ogle county has a strong participation rate at 70%.

Schools think the survey can be overwhelming, intimidating or will take too much time out of the day. Needs to be presented that it is just one class period every two years and LSSI administers so it is not more work for the teachers and school body, as long as LSSI has permission. Another concern is if the results come back with high numbers for example 60% of the kids have considered suicide it would be expected to address this concern. LSSI is trying to provide help ahead of the issues with the knowledge from the surveys. Schools seem to be receptive once they have had the initial meeting and understand what the survey provides for the community youth.

The testing helps LSSI understand what direction to gear their services. They don't have to guess based on adult perception of where their efforts should be focused. It provides information about feeling safe at school or if our youth feels they have someone that cares about them or that they can talk with. Allowing for teachers to be more prepared about approach and resources as needed.

Dorothy mentioned that they should if haven't already approach the Regional Office of Education asking for their participation in the program. Chris Tennison also would be a great resource for advocacy.

The survey can be found at:

https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/UserFiles/Servers/Server_178052/File/2018/Cnty18_Ogle.pdf

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling – Maureen Mostacci reported after the holiday season seems to consistently be a busy time of year. Saturday they are starting a volunteer class consisting of 40 hours training for people that do hospital response for someone that presents in the ER. This is something they do 2-3 times per year. Spread the word if you know someone that might be interested in this position. The response times are from 4 PM to 8:30 AM.

Financial Situation - State, Federal and Attorney General monies have been consistent and timely. Had a fiscal visit from the state coalition in November and they where found in compliance. They are also going to have a problematic visit that is tied to their VOCA (Victim of Crime Act) money in April. They check records and programing every two years and then produce a report. The last visit they where in compliance. If anyone is aware of school-based programs, community centers, youth groups, after school programs that they could present to they would be happy to have the opportunity. Feel smaller groups are more beneficial then auditorium style settings.

Serenity Hospice and Home – Angie Thiesen reported Saturday they held their second camp for bereaved kids. 16 kids attended ages 7 – 17. Many connections had been made from prior attendees for support outside of this program. They had a volunteer available for one on one with each child if they wanted it. This summer they will be partnering with Pegasus offering access to horse therapy with 3 dates. Open for suggestions on ideas to do with the kids moving forward to keep things interesting. Consistently at a census of 80-90 participants, breaking records monthly. Searching for new volunteers to offer services to all patients. Currently, offering one on one training as people come in. The Rochelle Community Foundation Grant went towards 2,000 coloring/comic books in the ogle county area for kids aged 3-17 to assist with the grieving process. Especially important in daycare and other settings where people are not trained to help. It is a stepping stone for more help and lists where they can get needed services. School counselors have found it beneficial.

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. – Patrick Phalen reported that the Ladies Recovery Home is looking at being open in April. The state is encouraging them to open it to woman with small children which does present some challenges that they are looking at addressing. They are also expanding their intensive community team-based services. This includes a program called *Community Support Team* that is funded with the extra 708 funds. Last year they had 4 people serving roughly 50 people at this time and by the end of this fiscal year they are looking at 12 people serving approximately 160 people. These are individuals with serious mental illness that would only get a visit every couple of weeks prior that now will get more regular visits and they feel this program will continue to grow. This fall they will provide in school services in 41 different schools out of the 64 in the 4-county area they cover. Most of the schools in Ogle County utilize their services. This includes in school therapists at least 1 time a week. The Expressions Art Event that happens in the spring is no longer going to be offered. Over the years the interest has declined and they are looking for other avenues for the future to aide in funding. Financial situation currently is a small deficit because of many new positions that they have filled do to demand of services. The integrated health home is due to come live by the end of the fiscal year adding to the financial stress of the growing staff. There payors are being timely. There is concern about the turn around on psychiatrists. Clients feel that they develop a repour and then they have to build it again with a new person. Tele sight Companies also shuffle people through so it makes it very difficult. Rosecrance is considered an Open Clinic which means if a patient needs their meds filled the physically go and wait with the hopes of being seen that day for a refill. Sometimes they have to go back the next day. Sinnissippi addressed this issue with their client's up front. Preparing them to see more than one psychiatrist for their meds but to count on their side case manager as they will be the constant.

Sinnissippi (Oregon office) – Ashley Koza – not present.

Village of Progress – Brion Brooks reported they had an all staff in service during Martin Luther King Day at the Rock River Center addressing conflict management solutions and offering good ways to have difficult conversations. Nonprofit businesses spend a lot of time and effort providing resources to clients. Funding does not go towards management and staff training as it would with a regular business. He felt that this would be of benefit to his staff and it was well received. They have made improvements to their sensory room and their consumers are very enthusiastic about the changes. They have two volunteers come in with therapy dogs twice weekly. Improvements have been made to their portable building by adding an emergency exit ramp off the back of the addition allowing wheel chairs to use two different exits making it easier on consumers. Also adding a larger handicapped bathroom to the inside. Next week he will be heading to Michigan to see an intentional integrated community to learn about their business model with the hopes of translating it to the Ogle county area. The budget is on track but they are concerned with the minimum wage increase and how that is going to affect them and the Village Cleaning Service and the Village Bakery employees. Feels that once it is at \$12 per hour it will have a pandemic effect on the Village and more than likely a lot of other non-for-profits and government agencies. Christmas season giving they have tracked over the past 15 years contributions in Nov, Dec and Jan. Over the past 6 years it has grown around \$1,000-\$2,000 per year.

Public Comment:

None

There being no objection the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2020 at Ogle County Sherriff's Training Room, 202 South First Street, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: May 7, 2020

Dorothy Bowers, President

Margaret Tyne, Secretary/Treasurer