MINUTES
Madison County Mental Health Board
Meeting Place: Administration Building
157 N. Main Street, Suite 304
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Board Members Attending: Michael Durbin, Nick Petrillo, Walter Hunter Ed Pinnell, and Charlotte Charbonnier

Board Members Absent: Christine Wallace (notified), Anthony Traxler (notified)

Staff Attending: Jennifer Roth and Beth Parente

Ms. Charbonnier called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

A motion to approve the October Claim was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

A motion to approve the November Claim was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Pinnell.

Agency Announcements

St. John’s Community Care – Ms. Berry announced everything was going well at both adult day program locations. The agency is also thrilled that it appears that the Governor will not be adjusting the DON (Determination of Need) numbers which would have made some of their clients ineligible for services. The Governor had initially suggested changing eligibility scores from 29 to 37 which would have great impact for a large number of disabled individuals and their ability to access necessary services.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern IL – Ms. Baxter announced they are settled in their new building and passed out agency brochures with the new address. The agency should realize a nice savings with no longer having to lease their office space with the purchase.

New Opportunities, Inc. – Ms. Winte announced they are keeping very busy. Their fundraiser at Ravanelli's was well attended although a final revenue figure from the event wasn’t available yet. The agency is also researching possible funding sources for purchasing another van/small bus for client transportation.

Behavioral Health Alternatives – Ms. Gunning announced everything was going smoothly at the agency.

Call for Help – Michelle Cade introduced herself as the new director for the SAV-U (Sexual Assault Victims – Unit) Program. Ms. Compton announced that their numbers are rising. Ms. Cade spoke of her plans for the program and education prevention efforts, including a partnership with SIUE on sexual assault awareness.

Chestnut Health Systems – Mr. Mercer said they are very busy. Of course, the state budget woes have not gotten any better with the agency realizing a drop in approximately 2.1 million of
service dollars since July. On the flip side, he also announced several different grants they have been awarded which helps offset the state budget issues. They have been awarded a four year 1.4 million dollar SAMHSA grant for primary care integration and a two year, 1.1 million dollar HRSA grant which will allow for the expansion of the FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) and the hiring of 11 FTEs to include both doctors and nurses. They also received a $375,000 grant to expand the MHFA training across this region.

**Illinois Center for Autism** – Ms. Newsome announced that the blackout period imposed by the United Way for funding has passed and now they can restart their own fundraising campaigns. The school is keeping very busy. On December 6th they will be hosting a St. Nick’s Day for ICA fundraiser timed run. They are also finalizing plans for a DT (developmental training) program and currently have 36 individuals on a wait list for it.

**William Bedell ARC** – Mr. Rollins announced that school is busy and things are going well, except just waiting for a State budget to be passed. The agency raised $12,000 at their annual dance fundraiser.

**Centerstone of IL (formerly WellSpring Resources)** – Ms. Tyree announced that the NY Times came down and recorded a documentary on heroin which included their Methadone Clinic. It will be aired in December. Ms. Craig announced that they offer a specialized PTSD treatment for veterans. It is an Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing therapy which helps individuals overcome PTSD symptoms and return to living a fulfilling life. Veterans who do not have insurance outside of the US Department of Veterans Affairs may be eligible to receive services for free. Please give them a call for more information.

**Financial Requests**

Prevent Child Abuse IL (on behalf of the Metro East Coalition Against Methamphetamine + Other Drugs) is requesting $2,500 for the 11th annual substance abuse conference to be held April 2016. A motion to approve $2,500.00 was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Petrillo.

The Madison County Child Advocacy Center is requesting a reimbursement of up to an additional $7,000.00 from year end unspent funds to pay for counseling services provided over their contract maximum. A motion to approve a maximum of $7,000.00 was made by Mr. Petrillo and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

**FY 16 Budget Approval**

Ms. Roth briefly stated that the initial budget received back from County Administration only included one small change recommendation and that was involving the vacant third position on the staff. Administration requested allocating approximately $1,000 more for the position due to the overall staff increases in the coming year. Otherwise, no other changes were made to the budget as had been presented to the Finance Committee and the full Mental Health Board at the last meeting.

A motion to approve the FY 16 budget was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

At this time, President Charbonnier made the agency funding announcements for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Roth stated that any agency who would like to further discuss their amount or application could do so by calling the office. All current agencies were given priority with
funding, although no new programs were funded in the FY 16 budget from either current agencies or from the two new applicant agencies.

**FY 16 Board Meeting Calendar Approval**

A motion to approve the 2016 Meeting Calendar was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Petrillo.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Most of the current meetings, activities and issues were included in the monthly board packet mailing but Ms. Roth did have a few additional announcements. She announced that the brochure holders have been ordered for the vestibule and we look forward to developing a resource area to assist the public. She will be attending the next Drug Court team meeting on December 14th. She is waiting to hear back from representatives at SILEC (Southern IL Law Enforcement Commission) about a new type of CIT training for dealing with youth. A session of Youth Mental Health First Aid was sponsored on November 6th and was very well received. Region wide committees and meetings have become a way of dealing with multiple meetings with the same people and sharing resources. We have done this with many of our committees and conferences that we sponsor such as: Disaster Mental Health Conference, Erase the Stigma, the MECAM conference, Mental Health First Aid and QPR training, etc. This should also be a positive way of starting up a Suicide Prevention Taskforce.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Pinnell and seconded by Mr. Durbin at 5:15 p.m.