

La Salle County 708 Community Mental Health Board
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2024

Meeting held at 1:30 PM, the twenty-first day of February, 2024, at Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Ottawa Office, Ottawa, IL.

ACTING AS CHAIRMAN: Dave McClure, President

Present: Dave McClure, Pamela Beckett, Lois Guyon, John Koehler, and Ella Weber; Gary Peterlin by phone and Sara Escatel by Zoom

Absent: Jack Leninger, Susan Thornton

Also Present: Don Miskowiec, Executive Director, and Laurie Gilich, Administrative Assistant

Funded Agency Representatives: CiCi Chalus (CASA), Jodi Mahoney (NCBHS), Paula Williamson (SRRC), Michelle Rich (Horizon House), Susan Bursztynsky (Safe Journeys), Tony Barrett (Ottawa Friendship House), Maggie Honiotes (YSB) and Kerri Schunke (YSB)

CALL TO ORDER: Board President Dave McClure called the meeting of the 708 Mental Health Board to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dave McClure, Lois Guyon, Ella Weber, Pamela Beckett, John Koehler, and Gary Peterlin by phone and Sara Escatel via Zoom.

Motion by: Ella Weber, seconded by Pamela Beckett to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.

Motion by: Pamela Beckett, seconded by Lois Guyon to approve the minutes of the November 29th 2023 board meeting as printed.

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Koehler, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin

Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Miskowiec gave the Treasurer's financial report as included in the packet and presented on the attached Powerpoint slide. He summarized the Fiscal Year Ending 11/30/23 Revenue & Expense Report showing final revenue for the year at \$2,763,198,80 (105% of budgeted) and \$2,505,460.51 (96% of budgeted). He also summarized the October and November 2023 Revenue/Expense Reports and advised that the December and January reports will be reviewed at the next meeting. Cash balance at November 30th, 2023 is \$2,334,463,79, which includes most of our levy and gives us approximately 4 months cash reserve. Discussion was held. Lois suggested we could go to 6 months reserve.

Motion by: John Koehler, seconded by Pamela Beckett to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Koehler, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin

Nays: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Don reviewed the attached Executive Director's Report PowerPoint slides including:

- National Level
 - Funding, Grants, Legislation Monitoring
 - CCBHC Expansion
 - 988 Crisis Line – Jodi Mahoney, NCBHS, commented they are looking at full implementation of 988 system in July of 2025; each region is to have pilots and NCBHS McDonough County will be one of the pilots.
 - Continuing emphasis on mental health funding – technology and mental health
 - Don Completed SAMHSA Grant Reviewer Training

- State/Local Level
 - ACMHAI - 57 bills monitored as oppose or support-varied topics from direct client to administrative
 - Opioid Abatement Settlement Dollars – LaSalle County State’s Attorney Office – no feedback.
 - State’s Attorney Veteran’s Deferred Prosecution Program -no feedback
 - Don appointment to Region 2 Opioid Abatement Coalition to recommend how state dollars will be spent
 - Healthier LaSalle County Work Group/Behavioral Health Workgroup participation (LaSalle County Health Department)
 - Mendota Grant for Youth prevention, education (Ali Braboy)
 - Stats report in packet
 - Community Education & Linkage Program – Website/Social Media Stats Report – Don reviewed
 - Open Meetings Act Required Training – we are required to have all Board members take the online training.

Pamela discussed Re-Imagine Mendota; also Heart and Soul, and Sara stated they want to do a community center, possibly in an old nursing home. Pamela stated that Princeton became a dementia-friendly city. Pam stated that all communities can apply and sign up for training. Lois suggested they contact police departments and John suggested they also contact Alternatives for the Older Adult.

Don introduced our new Administrative Assistant, Laurie Gilich.

The Executive Director’s Report was accepted.

FUNDED AGENCY WRITTEN REPORTS/UPDATES: Members discussed the funded agency reports which were mailed with the board packet with comments by the various agency representatives on programs, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

708 Guidelines Revision Workgroup Update

- Executive Committee, as the Guidelines workgroup held a meeting
- Need to better define role of current network of service providers
- Need to better define use of program line funding/one-time funding/additional levy funding to 1 millage point maximum
- Next steps:
 - Continuing to review other 708 board examples
 - Consultation with legal counsel on questions
 - Draft of revised guidelines
 - Additional meeting(s) of workgroup

NEW BUSINESS

FY 23 and Three-Year Plan Update

- Required by statute – 1 year and 3-year plans
- Staffing challenges
- FY 23
 - Launched our Community Education and Linkage Program Website/Social Media
 - Continued ongoing advocacy and awareness building for needed mental health, substance use, I/DD, and related services with LaSalle County board members, legislators and other key decision-makers and stakeholders.
 - Began work on funding guidelines, bylaws, etc. Revised service contract through engagement of outside expert legal counsel
 - Needs assessment continuation through I-Plan, Healthier LaSalle County Steering Committee,
 - HLC Behavioral Health Workgroup, CESSA workgroup
 - Monitored hospital ER closures impact with funded agencies
 - New Programs in MAT, CCBHC, Crisis Center, Living Room, other IDD/Child Welfare/Domestic Violence and related services through work of funded agencies

- Approval of Living Room services; State’s Attorney Veteran’s Prosecution Deferment Program
- Collaboration with LaSalle County ROE and LaSalle County Health Department
- Outreach to State’s Attorney Office
- Continued involvement and participation in ACMHAI trade association
- Ongoing monitoring of national, state, grant funding changes/challenges/opportunities; changes to Illinois Community Mental Health Act

FY 24 708 Mental Health Board Summary of Contracts/Service Funding

- FY 24 Contracts with 9 agencies totaling \$2,534,680.00
- 30+ different types of services in the area of mental health, substance abuse, intellectual and developmentally disabilities, child welfare & advocacy, domestic and sexual violence and assessment services
- Services to 5,500 + individuals/families
- Projected 423,936 units of service
- Community education & outreach services impacting 30,000+ estimated individuals
- Approximately 5% of total agency expenses are funded with 708 dollars

Moving Forward....

- Continued collaboration efforts
- Review and revision of funding guidelines
- Ongoing needs assessment
- Implementation of 3-year plan
- Strong emphasis on community education & facilitating access to services

NCAT Funding Request

Don discussed the NCAT funding request for donation included in the packet and recommended we consider donating \$3500 to \$5000 from the program line. He informed we have \$100,000 in our program line. Discussion was held. Gary Peterlin asked if there is another way to do this other than a donation. Don stated he checked with the Auditor, who said it could be done as a donation or as an agreement. Don stated we could look at doing a simple contract, which would be an agreement for one year at a time. John Koehler asked how this would dovetail with our guidelines. Don stated he will review and bring it back to the Board.

Meeting Schedule

Motion by Gary Peterlin, seconded by John Koehler to move our next meeting to May 29th

Ayes: McClure, Weber, Koehler, Beckett, Guyon, Escatel, Peterlin

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Meeting Schedule 1:30 PM - Location To Be Rotated Among Funded Agencies

Revised Calendar Year 2024

Wednesday, May 29th

Wednesday, August 7th

Wednesday, November 6th

Note: Additional meeting in summer TBD for funding requests

Don introduced Paula Williamson as Interim Director from Starved Rock Regional Center.

CiCi Chalus informed that she will be retiring on June 30th.

Jodi Mahoney informed that North Central will be hosting Teen Showcase on Thursday, March 14th at IVCC. Members will receive an invitation with the agenda by mail/email.

ADJOURNMENT: there being no further business or discussion and upon motion and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Secretary: _____
John Koehler

Date: _____

President: _____
Dave McClure

Date: _____