

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 20, 2017

Approved

Board Members Present: Jerry Helland, Sue Plote, Dick Schluter, Jane Olson,
Merlin Wessels, Meghan Cook, Terry Purcell, Dianne Leifheit

Board Members - Absent: Marilyn Stromborg

Other Persons Present:

Office Staff Present: Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostdick

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jerald Helland, at 6:00 PM.

2. Agenda

Ms. Olson moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Schluter. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. Minutes

Ms. Leifheit moved to approve the minutes of the 2/27/17 Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Olson. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. 3-Year Presentation – Epilepsy Foundation of N/C Illinois

Ben Slack, Executive Director, Veronica Garcia-Martinez, DeKalb Director of Epilepsy Services, and Jeanette Johnson, DeKalb County Service Coordinator, gave the Epilepsy Foundation 3-Year Presentation. Mr. Slack stated that three years ago when he took over as Executive Director, the DeKalb office had 15 clients and they now have 101. Mr. Slack added that this was all due to the hard work of Veronica. The DeKalb Office recently brought Jeanette Johnson on staff as Service Coordinator to help with the Groups and Education. Ms. Johnson is the mom of an Epilepsy Foundation client and has been volunteering for years. Mr. Slack said that they just brought in an Epilepsy Services Data Base program and are working with that to improve services. Veronica added that not only are they working to get information and services in schools but have started a program to work with home-school families as well.

Veronica has an arrangement with Dr. Mohammed Homsy to see infants and up to 26 yr olds, with any insurance, with-in 4-5 days. Dr. Homsy is schedule for appointments with Epilepsy Foundation in DeKalb every 4th Wednesday. The next step in having better Neurology availability is tele-med. Dr. Homsy is asking to participate in that.

Veronica talked very enthusiastically about a field trip that several of the Epilepsy Foundation kids, ages 11 through 17 are taking to Washington, D.C., to speak to politicians on Capitol Hill regarding the need for continued research with Epilepsy.

5. Announcements

Ms. Cada passed out several fliers:

- Opportunity House is having a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser on 3/25/17
- IL Warm Line phone number, which is a phone support program for persons with mental health and/or substance abuse challenges, their family, friends, and community members
- Juvenile Justice Council is bringing in a trainer for a workshop on Trauma Informed Approaches on 4/6/27
- Access Services & PUNS, which is a workshop to explain what the PUNS list is and what it does

6. Director's Report

Ms. Cada reported to the Board that she is continuing to work with the DeKalb Police Department on their Bureau of Justice Administration Grant. 211 should be live the first week of May. There are over 100 organizations that have registered.

Mr. Helland and Ms. Cada presented our 2016 Annual Report to the County Health and Human Services Committee.

Ms. Cada discussed the Continuum of Care and explained that funding is at-risk of being cut. The DeKalb Housing Authority is in charge of this grant. Ms. Cada explained that there are only a couple of options and asked Ms. Leifheit if she could participate in a discussion with the Housing Authority on this subject.

Ms. Plote asked Ms. Cada the status of Shared Case Management. Ms. Cada shared that possibly there is a grant they could apply for that may fund this project.

7. Community Input

No community input.

8. Finance Reports

Ms. Plote moved to approve the March 2017 agency claims in the amount of \$185,961.71; seconded by Mr. Wessels. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Olson moved to approve the March 2017 office claims in the amount of \$7,743.13; seconded by Ms. Plote. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Executive Committee

A. Board retreat date – July 28, 2017

Mr. Helland said the Retreat Date has been set for 7/28/17 and asked if anyone had any problems with attending during the day hours? This date seems to be OK with all Board Members.

B. Meeting time change – 5:00 pm

Mr. Helland explained that the Executive Committee will be changing their meeting time to 5:00 pm due to the Finance Committee changing their time to 5:30 pm.

10. Finance Committee

A. GY18 Grant review and timeline

The Board looked at the GY18 Grant Application spreadsheet for the first time. Ms. Cada went through each agency that has applied for grant dollars with a brief explanation. The Board Members were asked to start reviewing the applications. The Finance Committee will be reviewing each application at their 4/10/17 meeting and deciding which agencies should come in for a hearing. Those agencies will then come in for a hearing on 4/18/17 to explain any dollar increase requests, any new program requests, or any programmatic change requests.

B. Meeting time change – 5:30 pm

Mr. Schluter explained that the Finance Committee is changing their meeting time to 5:30 pm to accommodate all Committee member's time restrictions.

11. Outcomes Committee

A. Dr. Schatteman Report - Recommendations

Mr. Wessels shared that the Outcomes Committee has not met this month. The next meeting has not been set as of this date.

12. 50th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Plote shared that the Ad Hoc Committee met and that it was a very productive meeting. Ms. Plote said that the Committee decided on a 3 prong approach:

- To raise awareness and reduce stigma
- To offer Mental Health 1st Aid Training to the Community
- To offer Suicide Prevention workshops to the Community

13. Old Business

A. By-Law change – Membership: Makeup

Ms. Cada said that the Board reviewed the By-Law changes at the last Board meeting and can now vote.

Ms. Leifheit moved to approve the By-Law changes as presented; seconded by Ms. Olson. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

14. New Business

Nothing to report.

15. Adjournment - Next meeting 4/25/17 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerald Helland, President

Kathy Osttick, Recording Secretary