

# DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

## MINUTES OF MEETING

June 20, 2016

Approved

Board Members Present: Jerry Helland, Dick Schluter, Merlin Wessels,  
Sue Plote, Andi Andree, Dianne Leifheit

Board Members - Absent: Chuck Rose, Marilyn Stromborg, Jane Olson

Other Persons Present:

Office Staff Present: Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostdick

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Agenda

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

### 3. Minutes

*Ms. Plote moved to approve the amended minutes of the 5/16/16 Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Schluter. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

### 4. Agency 3 Year Presentation – Children’s Home + Aid

Mendy Smith, Program Director over Family Support Services out of the Bloomington Office of Children’s Home + Aid, gave their presentation.

### 5. Announcements

Ms. Leifheit shared a story. Mr. Helland asked the Board if they had seen the Letter to the Editor written by Ms. Cada and passed the article around.

### 6. Director’s Report

Ms. Cada and Ms. Plote attended the ACMHAI meeting in Bloomington. The theme of the meeting was Children’s Mental Health. ACMHAI had a round-table discussion on Outcomes and Ms. Cada noted that the DCCMHB is advanced in the requirement and expectation of outcomes from funded agencies. Ms. Cada also shared that comparisons during discussions of what was going on with other 708 boards shows that the DCCMHB is still in good shape. Other counties have lost services and agencies for financial reasons.

Ms. Cada met with Gary Hanson and Pete Stefan to discuss the 2017 budget. The County has to cut \$1M from the 2017 budget. The County will not be accessing their reserves and will be asking departments to help where they can. For the 2016 budget, the County asked the DCCMHB to allocate \$100,000 to Court Services for placement of clients. The County will probably be asking the DCCMHB to allocate \$125,000 for the same service.

The Mental Health Coordinating Council has developed Action Groups. One of the areas being looked at is mental health services and where gaps are, with an eye toward developing a triage center. That meeting was well attended.

The Mental Health Coordinating Council needs to work on two issues that are slowing the process. One is that people think mental health services should be free. Services are not free and funding is actually a large issue. The second issue is that people seem to be focused on bringing back mental health beds to the county. While this may be a long term goal, other short term goals, such as a triage center, should be reviewed.

Ms. Cada attended a Resource Fair at University Village that was very successful. Ms. Cada conducted a short survey asking people if they knew where to get services, what were the barriers to services, and if they would participate in services if offered.

## **7. Community Input**

No community input.

## **8. Finance Reports**

*Mr. Helland moved to approve the June 2016 agency claims in the amount of \$151,566.07; seconded by Ms. Leifheit. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

*Mr. Wessels moved to approve the June 2016 office claims in the amount of \$13,462.27; seconded by Ms. Plote. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Mr. Schluter reported to the Board that Ms. Cada, Ms. Ostdick, and Mr. Schluter met with Kim Volk, Dr. Barrowclift, Jessica Foley, and Lori Nelson of KishHealth/Ben Gordon Center. Mr. Schluter felt confident that finance reporting is on the right track.

Mr. Wessels asked about the timeframe for the Triage Center. Ms. Cada answered that she did not have an answer from KishHealth/BGC for that as of yet.

## **9. Finance Committee**

### **A. County internal borrowing opportunity**

The Board discussed an opportunity extended by the County which asked if the DCCMHB would like to loan the County \$500,000. This money would get a 3% return and would be accessible for emergency situations.

*Ms. Andree moved to accept the opportunity extended by the County for the DCCMHB to loan \$500,000 to the County at a 3% return on investment with the availability to access the dollars at any time if necessary; seconded by Ms. Plote. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Ms. Cada and Ms. Ostdick met with the agencies that are funded on a fee-for-service basis to discuss rates and the fee-for-service determinations agreed upon by the Board. All agencies acknowledged that they understood and would contact the DCCMHB office if they had questions.

Mr. Rose and Ms. Cada met with Lynette Spencer of Adventure Works and Eric Johnson, an Adventure Works Board Member, at the request of Adventure Works. The meeting went well.

**10. Outcomes Committee**

A. Pilot project site selection report

Mr. Wessels reported that the Outcomes Committee met with Alicia Schatteman to review the results of the survey that she conducted on Outcomes. Three agencies were picked for the pilot project to review outcomes: Family Service Agency, DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau, and DeKalb County Drug Court. With Dr. Schatteman’s assistance, the goal is to achieve better outcomes and data collection.

**11. Executive Committee**

A. Mental Health Board 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - July 2017

The Board discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DCCMHB on July 27, 2017. Ms. Andree and Ms. Plote volunteered to meet and discuss options.

**12. Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**13. New Business**

Nothing to report.

**14. Adjournment** - Next meeting Board Retreat 7/29/16 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Freight Room, DeKalb County Community Foundation

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerald Helland, Vice President

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Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary