

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 12, 2010

Approved

Board Members Present: Cynthia Luxton, Jane Dargatz, Ken Ritchie, Donna Schoenfeld,
Gary Lothson, Dr. Kirts, John Rogalin

Board Members -Excused Absence: Eileen Dubin

Board Members - Absent:

Other Persons Present:

Office Staff Present: Mark Parrish, Kathy Ostidick

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ms. Luxton, at 7:06 p.m.

2. AGENDA

Ms. Dargatz moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were needed.

4. MINUTES

Dr. Kirts moved to approve the amended minutes of the September Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Lothson. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT

There was no community input this month.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no correspondence or announcements at this time.

7. FINANCE REPORTS

Rev. Ritchie moved to approve the October 2010 agency claims in the amount of \$171,185.84; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Rev. Ritchie moved to approve the October 2010 office claims in the amount of \$1,106.67; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

The strategic plan chart summary was discussed. Ms. Luxton reviewed the progress from the last meeting for the members that were absent at that time. Ms. Luxton also said that the board needs to decide where they should put more energy or which items should be included in Mr. Parrish's goals. Mr. Rogalin stated that the board needs clarification as to when and how an item moves from one category to another. This issue will be discussed more in November.

Mr. Rogalin discussed stigma and the Opportunity House article in the newspaper from several weeks ago. Mr. Rogalin has suggested that this is a good opportunity to address the Daily Chronicle and how the Opportunity House client was portrayed in the paper. Mr. Parrish said that a Chronicle representative will be meeting with the Executive Committee after their meeting on 11/2/10.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. County Board budget: The County Board is looking into increasing the employee contribution for health care to 50% bringing up the employee contribution total to \$828 per month for family coverage

The County Board is looking for areas to reduce costs and has suggested that the \$88,000 increase that was given to our board be rescinded. Also that the tax dollar amount given to us in 2010 be reduced by 2.4% for 2011. Mr. Parrish spoke to Bob Lesser, McHenry County 708 board Finance Director and key writer of the Community Mental Health Act, who said that it is illegal for the county to do that. Mr. Lesser has given our office the number to an attorney who is well versed in this subject and who McHenry County currently retains. After discussion, the board has decided to contact this attorney for direction.

Rev. Ritchie moved to authorize the President and Executive Director to contact Frank Gosser, Attorney, to pursue the interest of the Mental Health Board; seconded by Mr. Rogalin. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Ben Gordon Center use of the psych evaluation/medication monitoring program: After discussion, Mr. Rogalin asked Mr. Parrish to get data on how many unfunded clients are seen per month and how many hours are being utilized by BGC. This is an on-going project.

C. Ben Gordon Center walk-through: BGC will be repairing and painting the wall mentioned.

D. Bob Keller: Mr. Parrish contacted Mr. Keller to get information about his training program and costs. Mr. Parrish will discuss this issue at the Agency Director's meeting to see if anyone would be interested in the training.

E. Opportunity House stigma issue: Mr. Rogalin addressed this earlier in the meeting.

F. Kishwaukee Hospital: Mr. Parrish attended the Latino Action Group and reported that a wide variety of people attend this group. He has met Kim Volk and Lisa Cummings through this group. They do community outreach through the hospital. Mr. Parrish is trying to partner up with them along with Gilda Madrid, who is with the Dept. of Education. That way when they go out to the community, they can spread some of our information as well. That way we will be in conjunction with Kishwaukee as well.

G. Ministerial Alliance: We had the first meeting with the Ministerial Alliance. Some of the guidelines are that Mr. Parrish is the facilitator and the group suggested that this is not a duplicate group. They said that Love Inc is hard to contact with, to be involved with, but Nathan, although a good guy, has good intentions but doesn't often times follow through. They would love to be the voice to get the information out to the community. The next meeting is scheduled for 11/8/10.

H. Director's goals: This will be discussed later in the meeting.

I. Tri-fold: The tri-fold has been printed in Spanish. Sheriff Scott also is now putting some of each English and Spanish in the squad cars so the officers can distribute as they see necessary.

J. Agencies visited: Mr. Parrish listed the agencies that he has already visited and stated that the only one he has not visited is Adventure Works. Mr. Parrish met with the Sheriff's office, Lt. Klein, which was very interesting.

K. Leadership Academy: Mr. Parrish said the next training date is 10/13/10 at the Ben Gordon Center.

L. Safe Passage loan: Safe Passage has paid an additional \$6,000 on their loan is now only owes \$6,000. Rev. Ritchie asked Mr. Parrish for his impression on how they are coming along with their board in terms of goals and long term financial planning? Mr. Parrish replied that he had met with Linda Moser for about 2 hours. They actually own about a block of property and for their financial stability; they are looking at combining several of the homes into one. They are looking to sell off or get rid of some of their property so they can move forward and not have those mortgage payments to make. Rev. Ritchie also asked how involved the Safe Passage board was now. Mr. Parrish was not sure but he felt they were more connected than before.

Also, Ms. Ostdick has added a yearly calendar for 2010 and 2011 which includes the activities that the board needs to accomplish and when.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee:

Ms. Luxton gave a brief Executive Committee report. The committee talked about a lot of the items that Mr. Parrish had covered in his Director's Report.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Rogalin gave a brief Finance Committee report. They talked about the psych evaluation/medication monitoring program and the Ben Gordon Center walk-through report which was also discussed in the Director's report.

Outcomes Committee:

Dr. Kirts gave a brief Outcomes Committee report stating that the Committee had met by phone with Sharon Mills. They discussed the 11/18/10 training and came to conclusions on ideas and goals for this training.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Website - to be updated after 10/21/10

Mr. Parrish will be asking the Agency Directors about this topic at their meeting on 10/21/10 and will report back after receiving their output. Mr. Rogalin said that several months ago he had made a motion regarding Open Cube Media and he was wondering what had become of that motion. Mr. Rogalin said that the motion had been tabled at that time. Mr. Ostdick will look into this.

B. Outcomes training for agencies

This was addressed in the Outcomes Committee report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. BGC Walk-through results/report

This was discussed in the Director's report.

B. Board member terms

Two board member's terms are coming up on 12/31/10, Ms. Luxton and Ms. Dubin. Ms. Dubin is the County Board representative on our board and the County Board is aware of this. Ms. Luxton indicated that she would be willing to serve another term.

Rev. Ritchie moved to send a letter to the County Board requesting that Ms. Luxton be reappointed to the County Mental Health Board; seconded by Dr. Kirts. Ms. Luxton abstained. The motion passed on a majority vote.

C. Approval of Director's goals

Mr. Parrish passed out his goals during his Director's report.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Lothson moved to go into Closed session at 8:23 p.m.; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Lothson moved to return to Open session at 9:02 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Dubin. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

There is one final item which is to approve the Director's goals. The board has reviewed the document submitted by the Director. The Board has asked for one additional outcome in goal number 5 which will be goal number 6.

Dr. Kirts moved to approve the Executive Director's goals; seconded by Ms. Schoenfeld. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

14. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be 11/15/10.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Luxton, President

Kathy Ostidick, Recording Secretary