

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 17, 2015

Approved

Board Members Present: Chuck Rose, Thomas Kirts, Dick Schluter, Merlin Wessels, Dianne Leifheit, Jane Olson, Marilyn Stromborg, Jerry Helland

Board Members - Absent: Andi Andree

Other Persons Present: Tammy Anderson, Mark Leach, Juergen Huellen, Michael Flora

Office Staff Present: Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostidick

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles G. Rose, at 6:00 PM.

2. AGENDA

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

3. MINUTES

Ms. Leifheit moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2015 Retreat; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. AGENCY 3-YEAR PRESENTATION – None

5. COMMUNITY INPUT

Nothing to report.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Kirts noted that Dr. Stromborg was featured in the Daily Chronicle's Garden Walk article.

7. PRESENTATION – Tammy Anderson, Superintendent, Veteran's Assistance Commission
Ms. Anderson discussed the role of the Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC) office and employees. The VAC helps veterans navigate the services available to them through the Veteran's Association and help connect veterans with appropriate offices and agencies such as disability, pensions, medical, etc.

Ms. Anderson also discussed the bill just signed this past weekend which gives veterans a property tax discount or tax deferral depending on their disability.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Cada reported that she sent an email to all funded agencies asking what impact the state budget impasse and state cuts has had or will have on their agencies. Hope Haven is looking at an \$18,000 cut but are weathering through at this time, Opportunity House has a little over 3 months operating expense in reserve and can take out a line of credit if not resolved by October, Family Service Agency only has two state contracts and are weathering through those cuts, Open Door has enough operating costs set aside to sustain through February 2016, the Ben Gordon Center is here this evening to discuss shortfalls with our Board, and Adventure Works does not have any state grants. Other agencies did not reply.

Opportunity House and Open Door reported to Ms. Cada that the Federal Government has released some funding for Developmentally Disabled clients and this funding is held up in Illinois politics.

A DeKalb County Mental Health Coordinating Council is being formed to see if some mental health issues can be resolved without funding. Ms. Cada is involved with this council.

9. FINANCE REPORTS

Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the July 2015 agency claims in the amount of \$145,960.91; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Leifheit moved to approve the July 2015 office claims in the amount of \$1,265.71; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the August 2015 agency claims in the amount of \$144,904.88; seconded by Ms. Olson. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Dr. Kirts moved to approve the August 2015 office claims in the amount of \$1,947.28; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Facilities and Contract Discussion

Mr. Rose reported that the Hospital is moving forward with a merger/purchase of the Ben Gordon Center which is tentatively scheduled to take place 11/1/15. The Hospital has not yet voted on this issue but will do so this fall.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Retreat follow-up

Ms. Cada reported that one outcome of the retreat was that the CMHB mission and vision statements should be reviewed. This task has been given to the Outcomes Committee.

Ms. Cada and Ms. Ostdick will be organizing the responses from the Agency Director's Meeting regarding suggestions to update and simplify the CMHB grant application process.

Ms. Cada met with Ms. Andree and Ms. Olson for a mini-retreat. Ms. Andree and Ms. Olson were not able to attend the retreat that was held on 7/17/15.

B. Ben Gordon Center presentation – Mark Leach, Juergen Huellen, Michael Flora
Mr. Leach, Mr. Huellen and Mr. Flora discussed the critical financial situation that the Ben Gordon Center is in at this time. With the current situation, BGC will not have funding to meet payroll obligations for the second pay period in September. The problems leading up to this situation were discussed. The CMHB Board members asked questions regarding such things as the BGC contingency plan, state financial situation impact, etc. The Ben Gordon Center is asking for financial assistance. The CMHB has asked for additional information from the Ben Gordon Center in order to make informed decisions.

After a lengthy discussion, the CMHB tabled the issue until further information can be received from the Ben Gordon Center. The President, Mr. Rose, called for a Special Board Meeting to be held on 8/31/15 to finalize the Ben Gordon Center financial request, presented the request letter for that meeting, and two Board members signed the letter, Mr. Schluter and Ms. Leifheit, as required by the Open Meetings Act.

C. Review closed session minutes

Closed sessions minutes from the 6/15/15 Board meeting were reviewed for approval.

Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the closed session minutes from 6/15/15, they will be posted, and the tape will be destroyed at the appropriate time; seconded by Mr. Wessels. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Next Board meeting date: 8/31/15 Special Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles G. Rose, President

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary