

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 19, 2015

**Location: Open Door Rehabilitation Center
405 S. Wells Street
Sandwich, IL 60548**

Approved

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

Board Members - Absent:

Other Persons Present: Eileen Dubin, Gail Venture

Office Staff Present: Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostdick

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles G. Rose, at 6:11 PM.

2. AGENDA

Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. MINUTES

Mr. Wessels moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Board meeting; seconded by Dr. Stromborg. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. AGENCY 3-YEAR PRESENTATION – Dave Baker, Open Door Rehabilitation Center
Dave Baker conducted the Open Door 3-Year presentation.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing to report.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Cada reported that she has had several conversations with Hope Haven and Safe Passage about their dire financial situation due to the state impasse. Hope Haven may be able to hold on a month or so more but Safe Passage not nearly that long. Both agencies may approach the Board for funding.

Ms. Cada reported that she and Judge Stucker had the first meeting of the Mental Health Coordinating Council to discuss mental health needs and how to keep people out of the ER and out of jail. 44 stakeholders attended. The next step will be to plan a summit for this council.

Ms. Ostlick shared a story with the Board about a phone call she received from a consumer who had utilized Mental Health Board funded services, CACDC services, and medication payment services for several years. He is now doing well, is in recovery, has a good job, insurance, and has paid back all the money he owed to the Ben Gordon Center.

7. COMMUNITY INPUT

No community input.

8. FINANCE REPORTS

Dr. Kirts moved to approve the Oct 2015 agency claims in the amount of \$299,253.74; seconded by Dr. Stromborg. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the Oct 2015 office claims in the amount of \$1,000.29; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. OLD BUSINESS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. DeKalb County Citizens for Better Mental Health Care request

Eileen Dubin was the speaker from the DeKalb County Citizens for Better Mental Health Care. She distributed handouts and requested that the Mental Health Board write a letter asking that a mental health unit similar to what they had in the past be brought back. Eileen Dubin presented Gail Venture, RN, who worked at the DeKalb County Nursing and Rehab Center in the Alzheimer's ward before retiring, to speak to nursing home concerns for Alzheimer's clients who needed to be sent to a mental health unit. The DeKalb County Nursing and Rehab Center has trained staff to deal with these clients and at times psychiatrists were called in to deal with clients but sometimes a client would have to be sent to a mental health unit for a stronger treatment. Gail Ventura said this could be a hardship on family who could not get to a facility 45 min to an hour away. These clients may be admitted for several days until medication could be stabilized. They would then be returned to the Nursing and Rehab Center.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Dr. Stromborg moved to send a letter to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board supporting the KishHealth/Northwestern merger; seconded by Mr. Wessels. The motion passed as follows:

Ms. Andree – Yes, Mr. Helland – No, Dr. Kirts – Yes, Ms. Leifheit – Yes, Ms. Olson – Yes, Mr. Schluter – Abstain, Dr. Stromborg – Yes, Mr. Wessels – Yes, Mr. Rose – No.

Dr. Stromborg moved to include in the above letter that there is a need to re-establish a mental health unit in DeKalb County; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed as follows:

Ms. Andree – Yes, Mr. Helland – Yes, Dr. Kirts – Yes, Ms. Leifheit – No, Ms. Olson – No, Mr. Schluter – Abstain, Dr. Stromborg – Yes, Mr. Wessels – Yes, Mr. Rose – No.

Mr. Schluter asked if the full board would have a chance to review the letter before it goes out. Mr. Rose answered that he and Dr. Kirts would work on a draft and then send it to the full board for review and that they would have a week to recommend changes.

B. Continuum of Care request

Ms. Cada presented a request from the Continuum of Care for a one-time grant of \$12,500 for the mandatory software program to proceed for the year with a federal grant in the amount of over \$613,000. This grant is to support housing for mentally and physically disabled clients through the Housing Authority and Hope Haven. If the software program is not renewed each year, the Continuum will lose the entire grant. The state, without warning, increased the cost of the software from \$3,000 per year to \$12,500. This increase was not planned for by the Continuum and so they are asking for a one-time grant.

Ms. Andree moved to grant a one-time allocation to the Continuum of Care, administrated by Hope Haven, in the amount of \$12,500 for a mandatory software program to be taken out of line item 7722; seconded by Mr. Schluter. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. Board member term date

Mr. Helland's term will be ending 12/31/15. He has requested to stay on the Board for another term.

Mr. Rose moved to recommend to the County Board to re-appoint Mr. Jerry Helland for a term from 1/1/16 through 12/31/19; seconded by Mr. Schluter. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

D. KishHealth System allocation

Ms. Cada discussed the change in GY16 allocation distribution from the Ben Gordon Center when KishHealth takes over on or about 11/1/15. Ms. Wessels suggested that the Board receive an official request letter from KishHealth to assume the allocation dollar amounts.

Mr. Wessels moved to grant KishHealth the remaining GY16 Ben Gordon Center allocation upon receipt of a written request letter from KishHealth; seconded by Ms. Andree. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Next Board meeting date: 11/16/15

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles G. Rose, President

Kathy Ostidick, Recording Secretary