

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 5, 2019**

**Approved**

**Committee Members Present:** Jerry Helland, Jane Smith

**Staff Present:** Deanna Cada, Kathy Osttick

**Other Persons Present:**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Helland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Agenda**

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the 7/15/19 meeting; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**4. Office Report**

Ms. Cada informed the Committee that she and Ms. Cook attended the Non-Profit Partnership's Non-Profit Day. The main speaker talked about cultural diversity.

Ms. Cada and Ms. Smith went to see Representative Lauren Underwood and Representative Joe Kennedy in Yorkville. They discussed access to service. Ms. Smith added that a gentleman from NIU was there representing DeKalb County and wanted to talk specifically about access to service at NIU.

**5. Legislative & Programmatic Topics**

**A. Minimum Wage Impact**

Ms. Cada discussed the up-coming minimum wage law and how it will impact the agencies that the Mental Health Board funds. She sent out a questionnaire asking agencies how the increase will affect them. Ten replied. The majority said they have employees that make under \$15/hr. One of their biggest issues is compression, the fact that those that make more than \$15/hr and how the agency will balance that. All agencies are concerned about funding to accommodate the salary increase.

**B. Legalized Cannabis**

Legalization of cannabis will start 1/1/20. Ms. Cada asked the Mental Health Board funded agencies how that will affect them. Five responded. Ms. Cada shared that if the agency receives federal funding, they are required to provide a drug-free workplace. If they don't receive federal funding, they have to have a defensible employee policy for anti-drug use. Ms. Cada will be discussing with Mr. Ben Bingle of the Community Foundation this issue and he has said he will share his information with our funded agencies.

**C. Suicide Awareness/Intervention Programming**

Ms. Cada also asked our funded agencies about their awareness of suicide prevention/intervention. All said they would like more information and support. The Mental Health Board has identified an Ad-Hoc Committee to look into this topic.

**D. Census 2020**

Ms. Cada discussed the role of the Mental Health Board in the 2020 Census. Ms. Cada met with Sherry Taylor who works for the Center for Governmental Studies at NIU as their data manager. Ms. Taylor also manages most of the state data bases. She will work with Ms. Cada on whatever data is needed. Illinois is at risk of losing two congressional seats due to undercount which in turn will cause the county to lose grant dollars. Ms. Cada also reached out to Mr. Hanson, DeKalb County Administrator, as to the role of the county in the census. There are grant dollars available for outreach and Ms. Cada will look into that.

**6. Board Retreat Feedback**

Ms. Cada said she received very positive feedback about the Retreat. The Board members liked the presentations and the format. The Committee discussed attendance and preferences.

**7. County Budget FY2020**

Ms. Cada discussed the FY2020 budget. She will turn the budget in to the County tomorrow.

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the FY2020 Budget; Seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

**8. Board Member Terms**

The Committee discussed the Board member whose terms will be expiring December 31, 2019. Mr. Helland is the only Board member whose term will expire. Ms. Cada asked Mr. Helland to consider if he wants to stay on the Board and to let her know in October.

**9. One Year and Three Year Plan Goals**

Ms. Cada and Ms. Plote have a meeting set for next week to start talking about the next steps for the 0-7 year old priority. They are discussing focus groups to find the gaps in service.

**10. Date of Next Executive Committee Meeting:** 9/9/19

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerald Helland, Board President

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Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary