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Health & Human Services Committee

Minutes

June 3, 2013

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 6:30p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Sally DeFauw called the meeting to order. Members present were John Emerson, Marc Johnson, Jeff Metzger, and Derek Tyson. Jeff Whelan was absent. A quorum was present. Ms. Cynthia Luxton and Ms. Kathy Ostdick from the Mental Health 708 Board were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Emerson, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from May 6, 2013.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Metzger, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Mr. Whelan arrived @ 6:32p.m.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – Ms. CYNTHIA LUXTON

Ms. Luxton, President of the Mental Health 708 Board gave a presentation on her 2012 Annual Report. She said that one of the noteworthy items in the report that her board is concerned about is that the Singer Mental Health Facility in Rockford has closed. She did mention that the Ben Gordon Center has a new project called the "Living Room Project" where clients are evaluated by the Center and emergency room of Kishwaukee Hospital and if they do not need hospitalization, but very close supervision, they can go to the Living Room Project and get intense care management. They can be there during the day. They did have hospital beds at Provena in Aurora, but they learned on Friday that Provena are going to withdraw their contract, which creates a dilemma. Long term patients go to Elgin. They are going to have

more meetings with Kishwaukee Hospital to see what role they want to play in this.

They are constantly monitoring their reserves in case there are challenges down the road. Their grant monies are based on performance. Their agencies are doing more with less which she tells this committee every year. They do in depth reviews with their agencies every 3 years. They also do site visits.

New this past year, they did implement Fee for Service with their agencies. Ms. Moulton was very critical to them in getting this model in place. They only pay for the services provided to the clients. The clients need to be indigent.

Ms. Luxton briefly stated that they are looking for a new director and they hope that they will find someone by next month.

The committee thanked Ms. Luxton for her very informative report.

Before adjourning, Chairman DeFauw said that she was trying to get a hold of Ms. Michelle LaPage from Ben Gordon to attend our July or August meeting for the Living Room Project.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally DeFauw, Chairman

Mary C. Supple, Secretary