

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 4, 2011

Approved

Committee Members Present: Ken Ritchie, Thomas Kirts, Gary Lothson

Other Persons Present: None

Office staff: Donna Moulton, Kathy Ostdick

1. CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Ritchie called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

3. MINUTES

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

4. OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Moulton reported that Jason Nicol, DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau Executive Director, will be meeting with Ms. Moulton and Ms. Ostdick to discuss his use of Bob Keller's spreadsheet. Mr. Nicol will be attending the next board meeting to show the board how he has utilized the information from Bob Keller along with the spreadsheet. Ms. Moulton also reported that Wednesday she will be meeting with Jim Sarver from Sinissippi to discuss mental health centers and their roles and possibly schedule for Mr. Sarver to attend a board meeting to give a presentation on the same topic. Braden Counseling inquired as to applying for funding this grant cycle and was told by Ms. Luxton that her next opportunity to apply would be GY13. Hope Haven sent a letter asking if they could submit a request for additional funding for GY12 which was discussed.

Dr. Kirts moved to authorize Hope Haven to submit an additional proposal for GY12; seconded by Mr. Lothson. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Moulton shared that she and Ms. Luxton met with Michael Flora and the BGC Board president, David Castle, for an informal meeting on 9/28/11 to introduce Ms. Moulton as the new Executive Director of the board and to discuss several BGC issues. During this meeting, Ms. Luxton reviewed the information given to the Mental Health Board by Michael Flora at the presentation. Ms. Luxton asked Mr. Flora for more information on several topics discussed. .

5. CLAIMS REVIEW

Mr. Lothson moved to approve the agency claims in the amount of \$143,023.37; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Lothson moved to approve the agency claims in the amount of \$20,403.63; seconded by Dr. Kirts. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. BEN GORDON CENTER PRESENTATION – review and recommendations

Rev. Ritchie distributed a document with recommendations that he had made and had sent in email form to Ms. Luxton. Ms. Luxton had submitted detailed notes on the guidelines format from the Ben Gordon Center presentation for discussion by the Finance Committee. One item on the notes was a suggestion to move forward with site reviews. Rev. Ritchie asked what would be involved in a site review. Ms. Moulton stated that she is doing some research with another 708 board to see what tools they have in place for site reviews. Ms. Moulton said that site reviews would probably be conducted by her and several board members. Mr. Lothson said he would be interested in attending a site review. Mr. Lothson said that the lack of response to submit the Gordon Center strategic plan is of concern.

After more discussion, it was decided that Ms. Moulton would condense Rev. Ritchie's recommendations and add them to the letter which will then be presented at the next committee meeting for additional review.

7. OPPORTUNITY HOUSE PRESENTATION – review and recommendations

Rev. Ritchie suggested that recommendations resulting from the Opportunity House presentation should be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting but that committee members could be thinking about responses until that time.

8. COUNTY BUDGET APPEAL - update

Ms. Moulton shared that she, Rev. Ritchie, and Ms. Ostdick went to the DeKalb County Health and Human Services committee meeting last night, 10/3/11, where our levy appeal was discussed. Rev. Ritchie gave very in-depth reasoning to the HHS Committee, speaking to the Mental Health Boards need for additional funding. Jeff Metzger, Vice-chair of the committee and leading the meeting that evening, shared that he had been speaking with his constituents who were telling him that they could not afford even one more dollar taken out of their pockets and that taxes can not be raised.

Ms. Moulton shared that after Rev. Ritchie finished his appeal, a few questions were asked by committee members and then a vote was taken that resulted in denying the appeal of 4-1. Ms. Moulton also shared that she spoke to Gary Hanson after the meeting who said that the appeal could only move forward with this committee's approval. Since we did not get it, the appeal is finished. Ms. Moulton will follow-up to see if there are any other options concerning the appeal.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11/1/11 at 7:30 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ritchie, Chair

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary