

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**December 1, 2014**

Approved

**Committee Members Present:** Thomas Kirts, Dick Schluter, Donna Schoenfeld

**Other Persons Present:** Eileen Dubin, Chuck Rose

**Office staff:** Kathy Ostdick

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Kirts called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**3. MINUTES**

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

**4. OFFICE REPORT**

The office report was discussed.

**5. BRADEN COUNSELING REQUEST**

Dr. Jayne Braden, Braden Counseling, and Margi Gilmore, County Probation, attended to discuss a request to fund counseling services for sex offenders. The program that Braden Counseling runs totals about 1 ½ to 2 years for a client to complete. Groups meet weekly, clients need multiple polygraph testing, etc. This particular client population typically has a hard time finding employment, consequently not being able to afford counseling. The clients then fall back into the legal system with the same issues. For this reason, Judge Stuckert has asked Braden Counseling to contact the CMHB to discuss funding.

Mr. Schluter has asked Dr. Braden for a breakdown on her dollar amounts; i.e. staff time, etc. Dr. Kirts suggested that this request be added to the Finance Committee agenda for January.

**6. DEKALB COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU REQUEST**

Diana Hulst, Executive Director, and John Noreiko, Interim Director, and staff members attended to discuss the Alternative to Suspension program. The staff presented numbers of clients seen and how clients have improved with the program. DCYSB staff made it clear that they are not just “baby sitters”, that they have multiple programs for evaluation and counseling for the offending behaviors. DCYSB is requesting to continue the funding for the program for January 2015 through June 2015.

The DCYSB request was discussed after the DCYSB staff left.

*Dr. Schoenfeld moved to recommend to the full Board to continue the Alternative to Suspension program from January 2015 through June 2015 for \$10,000 to be paid monthly; seconded by Mr. Schluter. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BENEFIT**

Executive Director benefits were discussed during the previous contract negotiations.

**8. GY16 GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL**

The GY16 grant application was reviewed. One addition was made to the checklist. The application was approved by consensus.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 1/5/15**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Kirts, MD, Interim President

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Kathy Osttick, Recording Secretary