

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 21, 2020

Approved

Board Members Present: Jane Smith, Marilyn Stromborg, Jerry Helland,
Perry Maier, Laurie Emmer, Sue Plote, Meghan Cook, Robert Cook
Board Members Virtual: Jennie Geltz
Board Members - Absent:
Other Persons Present:
Office Staff Present: Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostidick

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jane Smith, at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda

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

4. Minutes

Ms. Cook moved to approve the minutes of the 8/17/20 Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Cook. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Announcements

Ms. Cada announced to the Board members that the office has purchased masks for them with our logo incorporated in the design.

Dr. Stromborg announced that Ms. Emmer has been elected the Commander of the DeKalb VFW. She is the first female commander in over 100 years. To be involved with the VFW you have to have served in a war zone. Dr. Stromborg presented Ms. Emmer with a certificate which has the newspaper article printed on it and also presented specially designed cookies for the occasion.

6. Director's Report

Ms. Cada reported that DeKalb County will be installing solar panels all around the Community Outreach Building. These panels will be installed by November of this year.

The Board has received the 5th tax levy distribution in the amount of \$1,091,400.

Our new office intern is Sarah Beste. Ms. Beste is one of Ms. Cada's former students.

Ms. Cada informed the Board that she spoke to Ellen Rogers, Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center. VAC has lost its paratransit contract to Transdev. Ms. Cada will keep track of any bus route changes to the current contract and bring the information back to the Board.

Ms. Cada is working with Mr. Hanson to close out the Community Action Department. There is about \$89,000 dollars left in the grant money that Mr. Hanson would like the Mental Health Board to put to good use. Ms. Cada will keep the Board informed.

7. Community Input

There was no community input.

8. Finance Reports

Ms. Cook moved to approve September 2020 agency claims in the amount of \$209,861.73; seconded by Mr. Maier. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Emmer moved to approve the September 2020 office claims in the amount of \$4,203.10; seconded by Ms. Cook. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Executive Committee

A. 12 Health Services Drive Lease Extension Request

The Board discussed the Lease Extension Request.

Mr. Maier moved to send the Ben Gordon Center Lease Extension Request back to the Executive Committee for further discussion; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B. MH/LE Funding Application, Process, & Guidelines

The Board discussed the Mental Health/Law Enforcement application, process, and guidelines and asked Ms. Cada to incorporate changes and bring back to the Board next month for review.

11. Finance Committee

A. BGC GY21 Contract Change Request

The Board discussed changes requested by the Ben Gordon Center to their GY21 Contract.

Ms. Plote moved to accept the changes requested to the Ben Gordon Center GY21 contract; seconded by Ms. Emmer. The motion passed on a roll call vote; Ms. Cook-yes, Mr. Cook-yes, Ms. Emmer-yes, Ms. Geltz-yes, Mr. Helland-yes, Mr. Maier-yes, Ms. Plote-yes, Dr. Stromborg-abstain, Ms. Smith-yes.

B. NM/Sycamore Police Department CIT Training Funding Request

The Board discussed a request by the Sycamore Police Department for \$10,000 toward CIT Training.

Mr. Maier moved to approve the Sycamore Police Department request for up-to \$10,000 for CIT Training; seconded by Ms. Cook. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. Sycamore Police Union Officer Wellness Program Funding Request

The Board discussed the Sycamore Police FOP Union request for Officer Wellness Program Funding. Ms. Cada met with the union to talk about their needs and wants. This funding request is coming from the Sycamore FOP Union and not from the Sycamore Police Administration.

Mr. Helland moved to approve the request from the Sycamore Police Fraternal Order of Police Union for up-to \$15,000 for an Officer Wellness Program to be used up-to one year from the start of the program; seconded by Dr. Stromborg. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

11. Impact (Outcomes) Committee

The Impact Committee did not meet.

12. Ad Hoc Funds Review Committee

A. Update/Recommendations

The Funds Review Ad Hoc Committee discussed that the sale of the building at 12 Health Services Drive in DeKalb has been put on hold. Consequently, this Ad Hoc Committee is on hold until further notice.

B. Social Justice Discussion/Recommendations/Next Steps

The Board discussed the ideas that came out of the Funds Review Ad Hoc Committee and in order to move those ideas along, a new Ad Hoc Committee was formed that is called the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee (DEI Ad Hoc Comm).

Mr. Cook asked if the CMHB had additional funds available other than from the sale of the building? Ms. Cada explained the additional dollars. Ms. Geltz asked what type of training the Board should have to understand the mission put before them. One of the options presented by Ms. Cada was to work with the Community Foundation on a shared position for Community Engagement.

Ms. Cada asked the Board members to email suggestions to her.

Dr. Stromborg moved to follow-up on ideas presented by our Board and to discuss and coordinate with the Community Foundation on a shared position; seconded by Ms. Emmer. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Cook, Mr. Maier, and Dr. Stromborg volunteered for the Diversity Equity Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee

13. Ad Hoc Suicide Programming Committee

The new Suicide Programming Ad Hoc Committee will meet Wednesday 9/23/20.

14. Old Business

A. One- & Three-Year Plan Update

1. 0-7-year-old

Ms. Cada reported that Courtney Hughes met with 6 different schools and talked to the school nurses and other personnel regarding 0-7-year-old needs. Ms. Hughes is putting together two reports, one comprehensive report for the Board and one summary report for the website.

2. Law Enforcement/Mental Health – BGC Police Liaison Presentation

Ms. Cada shared with the Board how the Police Liaison Position is progressing.

B. 2020 Annual Plan Goals – Needs Approval

The Board suggested additional changes. Ms. Cada will make changes and bring back for approval next month.

15. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

16. Adjournment

Next meeting October 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Smith, Board President

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary