

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 16, 2021**

Approved

Board Members Present: Jane Smith, Marilyn Stromborg Perry Maier, Robert Cook, Meghan Cook, Sue Plote,  
Laurie Emmer

Board Members - Absent: Jennie Geltz

Other Persons Present:

Office Staff Present: Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostdick

**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. Plote. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**4. Minutes**

*Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the minutes of the 7/30/21 Board meeting; seconded by Ms. Emmer. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**5. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**6. Director's Report**

Ms. Cada informed the Board that Christopher Henneman will be bringing "This Is My Brace" back to DeKalb County in the fall of 2022. He has started meeting with the This Is My Brave organization and discussing his vision.

Colleen Parks, Family Service Agency, contacted Ms. Cada to tell her that FSA lost their Clinical Director for more money at another facility. The funding in a sign-on bonus program that the CMHB had last year has been exhausted. The Board discussed replenishing that fund. They also discussed other options for employee retention. This topic will be discussed in the near future.

Ms. Cada informed the Board that she is on the Housing Authority Board and there has been negative press affecting DeKalb Mayor Cohen Barnes and his seat on the Housing Authority Board along with his ownership of Sun Dog IT. Ms. Cada will keep the CMHB Board informed.

Our office will be getting another intern this fall.

Ms. Cada has been keeping the Board informed about a law suit involving the Elgin Mental Health Board and the Kane County Clerk withholding funding due to missing PTELL Language. The Elgin CMHB is now dissolving. ACMHAI has been reluctant to take up the cause.

There is a virtual ACMHAI meeting on 8/26/21 and 8/27/21. Any Board members wishing to participate, please let Ms. Cada know.

Ms. Cada received the 12 Health Services Drive assessment. Chuck Rose, our Attorney, is handling the process.

## **7. Community Input**

There was no community input.

## **8. Finance Reports**

A. Monthly budget report: July and August 2021

Dr. Stromborg reviewed the monthly budget reports for July and August 2021.

B. Claims

August 2021 Claims were discussed.

*Ms. Emmer moved to approve the August 2021 agency claims in the amount of \$223,239.08; seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

*Ms. Emmer moved to approve the August 2021 office claims in the amount of \$14,211.41; seconded by Ms. Plote. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

## **9. Executive Committee**

A. Board Retreat feedback –

Board members all thought the speaker, Marc Perry, was very good. Marc Perry told Ms. Cada that he enjoyed his time with us and he would definitely work with our CMHB again if needed.

B. Ad Hoc Community Committees Policy –

This policy needs to be approved by the Finance Committee

C. Open Board seat update –

Advertising for our open Board seat on social media is working well.

D. Board member terms – December 2021, Robert Cook, Sue Plote, Marilyn Stromborg –

Ms. Cada informed the Board that the terms of the above three Board members will end 12/31/21. If any of those three Board would like to continue on the Board, please let Ms. Cada know.

## **10. Finance Committee**

A. FY2022 DCCMHB Budget – for approval

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2022 Budget.

*Dr. Stromborg moved to approve the FY2022 Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Cook. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

## **11. Impact (Outcomes) Committee**

A. Membership interest –

Ms. Cada told the Board that the Impact Committee needs to start up again and current members should let her know if they want to stay on that Committee. Also, if any other Board members wish to be a committee member, please let Ms. Cada know also.

## **12. Ad Hoc Suicide Programming Committee**

### **A. Event planning process –**

Ms. Cada shared with the Board that the Suicide Programming Ad Hoc Committee is planning an event. This event was originally scheduled for September of this year. It has since been postponed until early next year. Ms. Cada said the Committee will be setting up a sub-committee to plan the event. Ms. Cada will keep the Board informed. The next Suicide Programming Committee meeting is set for 8/25/21.

## **13. Ad Hoc CEBIB Committee**

### **A. Community Survey process -**

Ms. Cada informed the Board that the CEBIB Committee is drafting a survey and there may be some cost involved.

## **14. Old Business**

### **A. CACDC update -**

Ms. Cada informed the Board that she and Ms. Ostdick met with the officers of the CACDC last month. Ms. Cada has given them specific tasks that she needs them to complete and return to our office by the end of 2021.

### **B. One Year and Three-Year Plan update –**

Ms. Cada is updating the One Year and Three-Year plans. She met with Brian Oster of OC Creations about designing a website for our Board. Ms. Cada and Mr. Oster brain stormed about other avenues of social media that would get the Mental Health Board message out. Ms. Cada has an appointment with a second design firm to discuss possibilities also.

## **15. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Next meeting is September 20, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Smith, Board President

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Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary