La Salle County 708 Community Mental Health Board

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 3rd 2022

Meeting held the 3rd day of March, 2022 at the Youth Service Bureau, 424 West Madison Street Ottawa, IL. 61350.

ACTING AS CHAIRMAN: Dave McClure- President

Present: Dave McClure, Lois Guyon, John Koehler, Gary Peterlin, Jack Leininger (Zoom)

Absent: Tina Busch, Susan Thornton and Ella Weber

Also Present: Don Miskowiec - Executive Director, Danielle Lock – Admin Assist 708

By Zoom: CiCi Chalus, (CASA) Jodi Mahoney, (NCBHS) Lindsay Rossi, (YSB) Michelle Rich, (Horizon House) Susan Bursztynsky, (Safe Journeys) Tony Barrett, (Ottawa Friendship House)Patrick Sweeney, (LaSalle Co. Detention Home)

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**CALL TO ORDER**: Dave McClure, President called the meeting of the 708 Mental Health Board to order at 11:15a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Dave McClure, Lois Guyon, John Koehler, & Gary Peterlin – Present

Jack Leininger (Zoom)

The Chair entertained a **motion to approve the minutes of the October 28th 2021 board meeting as printed.**

Motion by: Gary Peterlin Seconded by: Lois Guyon

Ayes: McClure, Guyon, Koehler, Leininger and Peterlin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT**: Tina Busch was absent. Don Miskowiec reviewed the attached Powerpoint presentation showing FY 21 Year-end Revenues of $2,251,375.77 and expenses totaling $2,426,492.72. Cash balance at 2-28-22 totaled $1,606,268.20. Discussed the cash balance use process adopted by the county in the past and its implication on cash balances and cash flow for the future, relative to FY 23 required levy amounts.

**A motion by Dave McClure to approve the Treasurers report as presented.**

Motion by: Gary Peterlin Seconded by: Lois Guyon

Ayes: McClure, Guyon, Koehler, Leininger and Peterlin.

Nays: None Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**: Don Miskowiec reported the agency stats are being received on a consistent basis. He also reviewed the ACMHAI- Quarterly meeting updates; State FY 23 Budget (provided handout); and discussed a bill opposed by ACMHAI that would require that 20% of 708 funding be transferred to Sheriff’s Offices statewide for mental health related services. Several non-funded agencies have inquired about applying for next year’s grants. Don to meet a third agency wanting to discuss services on 3/7/2022. He also reported further discussions with Chris Dvorek, Regional Superintendent of Schools regarding the potential to add counselors to the schools through use of grants/agencies requesting ARPA funding through the county.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

FY 21 Summary presented by Don on Powerpoint. Covid-19 has significantly impacted some of the agencies. Overall, without medication services there is a 3% variance to total projected services by the 9 agencies. Noted that 15% variance procedure was waived by the Board at the last meeting due to COVID as was done in FY 20. ARPA rescue funds were discussed wherein the County is still in the process of developing a process for how funds will be requested, reviewed, etc. and for now, the La Salle County Board Chair is asking the agencies to submit a 1-page summary on the need for work force funding or specific projected requests. Agencies are to send the proposals directly to Board Chairman Don Jensen. Deadline for the funding commitment is late 2023/2024 with funds to be fully expended by 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Don review the FY 22 Summary of Services included in the board packet. He also discussed a preliminary plan for a Community Mental Health Awareness & Education Program which would utilize current technologies/internet and social media tools to accomplish goals listed in the preliminary plan. **Motion to continue with planning and projecting costs for the program.**

Motion by: John Koehler Seconded by: Lois Guyon

Ayes: McClure, Guyon, Koehler, Leininger and Peterlin.

Nays: None Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding a vacancy within the board and the Membership Summary Analysis included in the Powerpoint presentation. Member Andrea Dudek did not wish to continue another term which expired in November. Based on the analysis discussion, Don was directed to look at potential candidates from the Mendota area and reach-out to see their interest in potentially serving on the board.

Members discussed next meeting dates and polling members on the best days of the week/times for meetings in order to optimize board member attendance.

Members discussed the next meeting being a three-year planning meeting to consider longer-term goals and objectives of the 708 Board.

**Agency updates:**

*Lindsay Rossi, YSB* - numbers up in outreach, lacking foster homes (crisis homes for 11-17) More severe cases and violent clients. Some clients need 24 hr. supervision. Hope House has been down with Covid restrictions. 2nd Chance has been a slow go… 5 clients 3 pending

*Jodi Mahoney, NCBHS*- Stats 30% lower, no shows on appointments more present with Covid-19 and weather. 98% rate on new appointments. New school program started Feb. 24th with school-based behavioral health specialist. Masters level Specialist in 3 schools (Streator Elem/High and Ottawa High) 1st day each school had 14 to 15 students requesting help. Crisis response numbers in Dec. 46 and Jan 51.

*Patrick Sweeney, Court Services* . Patrick reported on the status of the Treatment Alternative Court (“Mental Health Court”)

*Cici Chalus, CASA*reported on fiscal year stats, use of 20 volunteers.

*Michelle Rich, Horizon house*. Michelle reported they have 2 homes in Mendota. She will e-mail Don additional information as she needs to leave for another meeting

Don reported on other agencies providing written updates.

ADJOURNMENT: **Since there was no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.**

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Danielle M. Lock

Administrative Assistant

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