

Jo Daviess Community Mental Health 708 Board – Approved and
Revised
Minutes
November 6, 2013: 5:30 PM
Jo Daviess County Sheriff’s Conference Room, Galena, IL

Members Present: Ben Andersen, Fran Peterson, Nicki Raaz, Elaine Townsend, Angela Birdsall, Peg Murphy R.N., Randy Jobgen
Absent: None
Guests: Leslie Hawley

Agencies Present: Jo Daviess Workshop, Inc. by Mike Bielenda: Riverview Center by Mary Sheahen, Kreider Services/Rainbow Ridge by Brian Gephart, Sojourn House by Dave Manson: FHN Family Counseling Center by Jennifer Aurand.

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. Minutes:** Approved on a motion from Ben Anderson, seconded by Elaine Townsend with the following revisions
ACMHAI Committee Reports: *“708 Funds may not be used for vocation programs funded by Medicaid”*.
Website Revisions: *“A full description is still needed from Sojourn House.*
- III. Correspondence:** Invitation from the Hope Foundation was sent to the members and unfortunately no one could attend this function this year. Information on a mental health first aid webinar was distributed electronically and Peg Murphy was able to participate.
- IV. President’s Report:** The budget was presented to the Finance Committee and The Social and Environmental Committee. Nicki also gave an overview of what the 708 Board is doing currently. Concerns were expressed about the way in which 708 is funded. Additionally, questions were answered about the inclusion of the Tyler Justice Center in the grant program.

For the 2014 budget, this entity will be funded from the Contingency fund. Contracts and/or agreements with the Agencies and the decreasing budgets due to funding was discussed.

V: Treasurers Report Approved on a motion by Ben Andersen, seconded by Elaine Townsend. Accepted.

VI: ACMHAI Committee Reports:

Membership Comm: Fran Peterson discussed affiliate memberships and Increasing membership in smaller counties. ACMHAI Annual meeting is December 5 and 6 in Bloomington. Informal over dinner discussions during this Annual meeting has proven invaluable. Membership Committee met by phone on the 22nd of October. Agenda included For Profits as members, voted “no”. 708s’, 337s’, and 503s’ are the only entities that can become members and have voting rights. At the Annual Meeting, there will be information regarding how to do a Needs Assessment as well as the I-Plan information, which will be available in January.

DD and Medicaid Committee: This is a new ACMHAI committee who wants to Develop 5 priorities to advocate for or monitor the future of sheltered workshops. September discussed the issues of waiting for placement related to residential shelters. Some counties find the developmentally disabled still living at home while not being accepted into vocational workshops. With reference to the Medicaid Committee, there are statewide issues. Medicaid is accepting more Provider agencies into their program however restrictions on agencies that have grants and are Medicaid funded is being monitored. Grants should only be used for items, etc., not covered by Medicaid.

September Membership Meeting: Peg Murphy attended the September 10 meeting. 708 Boards can fund programs not already funded by Medicaid. Discussion on Medicaid funding to agencies and how it affects grants. Peg Has a lengthy notebook distributed at the meeting regarding these very Issues....Medicaid funding, 708 Boards, etc. This document will be copied and sent out to all Committee members.

Illinois Department of Public Health – Behavioral Health: - Peg Murphy

Because Illinois Health Departments must document behavioral health needs assessments, discussion at this meeting detailed what is involved in getting usable data on mental health clients in the counties.

VII: Old Business

- A. Website revisions: Sojourn house will send more complete description of their services

VIII New Business

- A. **Needs Assessment:** Format on Needs Assessment will be available in December from ACMHAI: Agencies will be providing data.

- B. **2014 Calendar:** The following dates are for Board Meetings in 2014
March 5, May 7, August 6, November 5, 2014 all at 5:30 pm

Workshops for Needs Assessments are as follows: January 8, February 12, April 9, June 11, July 9, September 10, October 8, December 10, 2014.

The Budget Meeting will be July 16, 2014

Grants to be submitted by July 09, 2014

Randy Jobgen will check on the availability of the Jo Daviess County Board room.

The May 7 Board Meeting will be hosted by FHN.

- C. Committee Assignments:

The Financials Committee:

Elaine Townsend

Fran Peterson

Peg Murphy, R.N.

The Contracts with Agencies Committee:

Nicki Raaz,

Elaine Townsend.

IX: Agency Reports

- A. FHN:** Working with Riverview on Illinois Imagines: resources to use for agency improvements and for increasing membership. Festival of Trees proceeds will benefit an exciting new program using dog therapy to benefit the mental non-verbal programs. Program is called “Beyond Words”. This program also benefits the Friends Forever Humane Society and will eventually be able to reimburse and train canines for use in the program. They have also worked with the CIRT Team on the East Dubuque murder case.
- B. The Workshop:** The County will be hiring someone to oversee IDOT funds given to the Workshop for transit. The Workshop held a Halloween dance and gave awards for progress in various areas to the clients and their families. Fund raising has taken a different turn with the postal service making it illegal to send raffle tickets in the mail.
- C. Rainbow Ridge/Kreider Services, Inc:** The home in Stockton currently has three open beds. They will be having a booth at the Farmers Market in Galena in the Spring of 2014. Some clients are taking cooking classes at HyVee in Dubuque.
- D. Riverview Center, Inc:** Participating in Illinois Imagines work with FHN. Creating an alliance with some Galena attorneys for pro bono work for their clients. They have hired a new educator in Jo Daviess County and Vicki Gratton & Mary Sheahen are serving as co-interim directors.
- E. Sojourn House:** The state is behind in their contract payments and also may **Allow co-pays** for Medicaid clients in the near future. They have taken possession of the house in Freeport and will sell it. Sojourn will participate in the quilt expo in Cedarville in March.
- X. Comments from Public** – none
- XI. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm on a motion by Elaine with second from Ben. Motion carried.