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## 708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

Wednesday, March 14, 5:30pm  
Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena  
3rd floor County Board Room

In Attendance: Board members – Nicki Raaz, Angie Birdsall, Fran Peterson, Elaine Townsend, Linda Nobis, Leslie Hawley.  
Agency Reps – Rachel Crain, Kenneth Davis, Roger Kelzer, Anne Heim, Pam Werntz, Yvonne Knight-Wandel.

1. Call to Order 5:35 pm by Nicki Raaz
2. Citizens' comments None
3. Approval of Minutes of meetings on December 13, 2017 and February 21, 2018  
No additions or corrections to minutes of 12/13/17 regular quarterly meeting or the 2/21/18 special meeting. President Nicki Raaz declared the minutes approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Claims paid: ACMHAI dues - \$1145.60; Lamar Billboard - \$300
  - b. Approval of Financial Report Report stands as presented.
  - c. Approval of Revised Service Plan Grant Funding  
Revised Plan was adopted at the 2/21/18 special meeting. Galena Clinic has agreed to provide additional services and contracts have been adjusted.
5. President's Report
  - a. NW Special Ed Panel  
Nicki participated on this panel on 3/2/18 in Lena. It was very well attended by social workers and counselors from 25 schools in our area. Consensus was that there is a great need for psychiatric services for students. One Number project information was shared at the meeting. Several school participants requested posters and business card handouts which have been provided.
  - b. Recent publicity – Gazette and Scoop  
There was a recent article in the Gazette about the Pilot Program at the jail. Craig Ketelson was interviewed. A Scoop article covered the Health Department's plans to expand in Elizabeth. The Health Department has no plans to provide mental health services at this time, but has discussed that in the past related to the facility expansion.
6. ACMHAI Reports None to report.
7. Unfinished Business
  - a. One Number Project – materials and billboard  
Discussed further distribution of One Number project promotional materials around the county.
  - b. Pilot Program at the Jail  
Dr. Davis of Galena Clinic shared that no actual services have been provided at the jail yet. It was suggested that jail personnel would benefit from training on how to screen inmates.
  - c. Other unfinished business None.
8. New Business

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a. Nomination of slate of officers for election at June 13 meeting

Fran P. nominated the following slate of officers for 2018-2019: Angie Birdsall – president; Elaine Townsend – vice president; Leslie Hawley – secretary/treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda N., all in favor.

b. Potential candidates for 708 Board

Discussion of potential candidates to fill two upcoming vacancies with the retirements of Nicki R. and Fran P. from the board.

c. Other new business None.

9. Service Provider Reports

1. Kreider: There is still a desperate need for direct service providers (DSPs) to work with the folks served in the homes. The state has committed to help with hourly wage increases for DSP's later this year.
2. Galena Clinic: Has seen an increase in substance abuse cases and DUI's in the last six months. More staff have been hired to address this issue. Dr. Davis recently met with senior citizen agency/nursing home reps to discuss providing psychiatric services for the elderly. Also trying to add another mental health staff member.
3. CONTACT: Pam introduced new director Yvonne Knight-Wandel. Pam will now be the director of Volunteer Development and Training. Participated in an Expo at the Galena Ramada Inn recently and made many contacts; talked with four organizations for possible fundraisers. They now have a reassurance client in JDC.
4. Workshop: Recently held a successful Share Night fundraiser at Culver's in Galena. A dinner dance for consumers at the Galena Territory is coming up. The June 708 board meeting will be held at the Workshop; Roger invited anyone interested in a tour beforehand to contact him.
5. Riverview: Katie Bailey is a new hire as a prevention educator. Anne passed out fliers describing their professional development training. The annual fundraising dinner on May 31<sup>st</sup> will highlight speaker Elizabeth Smart, a nationally known survivor and advocate.

10. Board Member Comments

Discussion about the need for mental health screenings in schools. Mental health issues in smaller schools and towns are often not taken seriously. In Iowa, a universal screening tool is being developed for statewide use.

11. Adjourn Motion by Elaine T. at 6:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fran P., all in favor.

Next regular meeting – Wednesday, June 13, 2017, 5:30 pm, The Workshop, 706 West Street, Galena