

Jo Daviess Community Mental Health 708 Board
Minutes
November 2, 2011
5:00 P.M.
County Board Room, Courthouse

Members Present: Gary Jobgen, Fran Peterson, Ben Andersen, Nicki Raaz and Elaine Townsend.

Absent: Bernece Hill

Agencies Present: Jo Daviess Workshop, Inc. by Mike Bielenda; FHN Family Counseling Center by Dan Neal and Jennifer Aurand; Rainbow Ridge/Kreider Services, Inc. by Brian Gephart; Riverview Center by Josh Jasper and Sojourn House by Dave Manson.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ben Andersen at 5:05 p.m.

II. Minutes

A. **A motion to approve minutes of the August 3, 2011 meeting was made by Gary Jobgen and seconded by Elaine Townsend.**

III. Correspondence

Reviewed the certificate and the financial statements from ACMHAI.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

V. Old Business

- A. **Discussion on the survey related to the State Impact on Local Agencies** – Nicki Raaz reported that the survey of agencies was given to the County Board for review at the budget meeting. Nicki is asking the agencies to review the survey and e-mail her if there are any discrepancies in the survey.
- B. **Update of the three year plan** – This item will be reviewed at the March 2012 meeting.
- C. **Budget 2012** – Discussion of the presentation to the Finance and Budget Committee with the request that Melisa forward the budget to the Jo Daviess County Board for approval with the Jo Daviess County FY2012 budget.

VI. New Business

- A. **Meeting dates and locations for 2012** – The meeting dates for 2012 are as follows and will be sent to Melisa and Bernece to put on the Jo Daviess County calendar;

March 14, 2012	Riverview Center	5:00 pm
May 2, 2012	JDC Board Room	5:00 pm
July 25, 2012	Budget Workshop	TBD
August 1, 2012	JDC Board Room	5:00 pm
November 7, 2012	JDC Board Room	5:00 pm
- B. **Hope Foundation Luncheon** –Nicki Raaz attended and reported on the activities of the group.

VII. Reports of Agencies

- A. FHN Family Counseling – Dan Neal introduced Jennifer Aurand, Clinical Director at Freeport Health Network. Dan Neal reported that contracts have been extended from 4 months to six to twelve months and they will have to go out for bid on 2 programs that only extended the contracts for six months. Reimbursements from the State of Illinois

are slow. Neal reported that until the State budget is complete that it is uncertain the possible cuts that will affect their agency. The FHN agency in Galena will be extending their services for DUI assessments. Intake of new cases has been down in the past two months. FHN is investigating Anger Management cases with Midwest Medical for after hour's evaluation and is investigating Crisis Debriefing Counselors for Jo Daviess County.

- B. The Workshop – Mike Bielenda reported that there are 13 people that are currently unfunded at this time. The State of Illinois has cut funded clients by 25%; however the population is about the same and these clients are still looking for work. DHS (Department of Human Services) may be moving the Galena office that is currently at The Workshop to Freeport. The State of Illinois has been combining offices and it is a possibility that they may merge Galena with Freeport. These possible closings will affect the clients in Galena at The Workshop.
- C. Kreider Services, Inc/Rainbow Ridge - Brian Gephart reported that the state is behind on government payments and that the possible facility closings will affect Rainbow Ridge.
- D. Riverview Center, Inc. – Josh Jasper stated that the Rubber Duck event at Jo Daviess County Country Fair was successful. A new counselor has been hired and will do training for other agencies. The agency is starting a program for empowering women who have been affected by violence. Riverview Center is on Facebook.
- E. Sojourn House - Dave Manson reported that in 2011 the funding from the State of Illinois has been cut \$100,000. Manson reported that if the funding does not become available for Sojourn House than they may have to eliminate the residential and half-way house programs. It will be necessary to hold a fundraiser March 16 & 17, 2012. Utilization of services has stayed about the same.

VIII. **Comments from the Public** – None

IX. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Fran Peterson and seconded by Gary Jobgen. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.