

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2011 – 6:00 pm
County Board Meeting Room – County Building
Belleville, Illinois

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Elaine Cueto
Kristi Luetkemyer
Elliott McKinney
Curt Schildknecht
Patty Shevlin

Staff:

Debbie Humphrey
Elaine Jacobs
Peg Maher, Consultant
Dana Rosenzweig

Excused: Ann Barnum, Dr. Bob Clipper, Brad Harriman, John Kernan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Mr. Schildknecht and a second by Mrs. Cueto, the Board approved the minutes of the November 19, 2010 Board Meeting.

REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mrs. Cueto reported that the Finance Committee met in the Conference Room of the St. Clair County Building on January 11 and February 8, 2011. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the following items: payment of the claims and purchase orders; \$2,500 be awarded to NAMI for the Piecing It All Together Conference; \$3,000 be allocated for a Brain Research/Fitness Workshop; and, \$7,000 be awarded to the St. Clair County Office on Aging for sponsorship of Caregiver Workshops to be held during 2011.

On a motion by Mrs. Cueto and a second by Mrs. Luetkemyer, the recommendations were approved.

Program Services:

In her written report, Ms. Humphrey addressed the Adult Redeploy Illinois initiative that she has been working on with the Probation Department. She also briefed the Board on her work with the Student Assistance Program and Youth Coalition activities.

Disaster Services:

Ms. Maher handed out a “save the date” for a training that will be held on October 21, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Shevlin informed the audience there would not be a Board Meeting in March and April of this year.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Rosenzweig provided an overview of the Governor's proposed 2012 budget. Proposed cuts to drug and alcohol treatment and mental health grants are a major concern. If approved, it will totally eliminate State funding for non-Medicaid eligible persons. A suggested rate reduction for Medicaid reimbursement rates will also place a further hardship on providers. The trend that continues in the proposed budget is to reduce state spending on non-Medicaid expenditures and overall tightening eligibility for state-supported care. Priorities now only reflect mandated programs with links to federal funds. Board funds are now more critical in supporting needed services.

Mr. Rosenzweig reported a \$250,000 Bureau of Justice Administration grant for mental health court implementation was submitted earlier this month. He also addressed proposed legislation that is of interest to the Board, strategic planning activities and co-sponsorship of an upcoming workshop with the Office on Aging.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

President Shevlin welcomed the guests and offered them the opportunity to address the Board: Orville Mercer, Chestnut Health Systems; Linda Watson, Programs and Services for Older Persons; Troy Metheney, Illinois Center for Autism; Randy Law, SAVE; Heidi Harbison, Violence Prevention Center; Michelle McDaniel, Community Link; Amanda Marti, UCP Heartland Center for Autism; Cathy Howlett West, FASTT; Cheryl Compton, Call For Help.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Elaine Jacobs