

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2011 – 6:00 pm
County Board Meeting Room – County Building
Belleville, Illinois

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Dr. Bob Clipper
Elaine Cueto
Brad Harriman
Ann Barnum
Elliott McKinney
Patty Shevlin
Curt Schildknecht

Staff:

Debbie Humphrey
Dana Rosenzweig
Peg Maher, Consultant

Excused: John Kernan, Kristi Luuetkemeyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Dr. Clipper and a second by Brad Harriman, the Board approved the minutes of the June 16, 2011 Board Meeting.

REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

No Report, as the July Finance Committee was cancelled.

Program Services:

Ms. Humphrey reported on several children's mental health initiatives she has been active with. Also, she and a youth member represented St. Clair County at the National Youth Movement Network in Chicago earlier this week. In addition, Ms. Humphrey described the Board's involvement with the Health Care Commission's MAPP planning process and specially the initial work being conducted on Suicide.

Disaster Services: Ms. Maher reminded everyone about the Disaster Training scheduled for October 21, 2011. She also reported working with Memorial Hospital to secure the necessary CMEs for nurses attending the event.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Rosenzweig provided more detail on the meetings held regarding the acute shortage of involuntary psychiatric beds in the County. He reported on two stakeholder meetings that were held in the past three weeks to address the situation. The second meeting held July 13, 2011 included Senators Clayborne and Haine and Representatives Holbrook and Beiser and State's Attorney Brendan Kelly. There is some hope that a solution can be brokered that provides additional bed capacity for indigent care. Touchette is still scheduled to open 12 beds on September 1, 2011, which will provide some assistance. Currently persons continue to "back up" in hospital emergency departments while attempts are made to secure necessary inpatient resources. Mr. Rosenzweig indicated he will continue to facilitate those discussions .

Mr. Rosenzweig proudly announced that Board President Shevlin has been chosen as one of the "20 Who Make a Difference" by Family Hospice. She will be honored at their 20th Anniversary Celebration on September 30th at the 4 Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights. All Board members are invited to attend.

The impact of the State's 2012 budget was discussed, especially the impact on those non-Medicaid persons who will experience further reductions in care.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

President Shevlin welcomed the guests and offered them the opportunity to address the Board: Cheryl Compton, Call For Help; Randy Law, SAVE; Orville Mercer, Chestnut Health Systems; Natalie Coriell , Violence Prevention Center and Diana Cuddeback, Heartlinks.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.