

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2011 – 6:00 pm
County Board Meeting Room – County Building
Belleville, Illinois

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Dr. Bob Clipper
Elaine Cueto
Brad Harriman
Kristi Luetkemyer
Elliott McKinney
Patty Shevlin

Staff:

Debbie Humphrey
Elaine Jacobs
Peg Maher, Consultant
Dana Rosenzweig

Excused: Ann Barnum, John Kernan, Curt Schildknecht

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Dr. Clipper and a second by Mrs. Cueto, the Board approved the minutes of the May 19, 2011 Board Meeting.

REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Mrs. Cueto reported that the Finance Committee met in the Conference Room of the St. Clair County Building on June 7, 2011. The Committee recommends that the Board approved the following items: Payment of the claims and purchase orders; and, \$2,000 be awarded to Chestnut Health Systems for the Annual Behavioral Health, Aging and Wellness Conference.

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

Program Services:

Ms. Humphrey reported that she had attended the Reclaiming Futures conference last month and had heard some valuable presentations on youth and substance abuse treatment.

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The Karla Smith Foundation is planning a mental health awareness event again this year at a Cardinals game in Busch Stadium.

Ms. Humphrey and Mr. Rosenzweig met with the State's Attorney concerning the Adult Redeploy Program. They fine tuned the screening and referral processing of individuals in jail with mental health and co-occurring substance abuse issues.

Disaster Services:

Ms. Maher reported on the Disaster Training scheduled for October 21, 2011. The training will offer both CME and CEU credits and will be held at the Cornerstone Christian Church on Green Mount Road.

Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Luetkemyer reported that it was the consensus of the Committee that the following slate of officers be presented to serve for the coming year:

President	Patty Shevlin
Senior Vice President	Elaine Cueto
Vice President	Ann Barnum
Secretary	Elliott McKinney

On a motion by Mrs. Luetkemyer and second by Dr. Clipper, the slate of officers was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments:

President Shevlin made the following committee appointments:

Finance Committee

Elaine Cueto, Chairman
Elliott McKinney
Curt Schildknecht
Ann Barnum

Personnel Committee

Elliott McKinney, Chairman
Ann Barnum
Kristi Luetkemyer

Building & Grounds Committee

Curt Schildknecht, Chairman

Dr. Bob Clipper

Brad Harriman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Rosenzweig provided an update on the status of the premature closure of the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit at Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital and the impact on the community. Patients are spending excessive stays in emergency departments while involuntary beds are sought. Law enforcement and EMS have also been significantly impacted because of the crisis. Ongoing meetings are being held in an attempt to resolve issues until beds become available at Touchette Hospital on September 1, 2011. All three area hospital emergency departments will need to share in addressing the problem by evaluating and stabilizing patients, while attempts are made to secure admissions. There are limited state beds and the Department of Mental Health already has issues with insufficient capacity throughout the Region. Mr. Rosenzweig also reported there are attempts underway to determine if Gateway Regional Hospital in Granite City might be utilized for County residents.

The Executive Director also provided an update on FY 12 agency contracts and the anticipated approval of the Board's 2010 tax levy by the County.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

President Shevlin welcomed the guests and offered them the opportunity to address the Board: Mike Colligan, Call For Help; Barbara Cempura, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Jodi Gardner, Programs and Services for Older Persons; Troy Metheney, Illinois Center for Autism; Randy Law, SAVE; Linda Moffatt and Jamie Martens, Chestnut Health Systems; Tina Kampwerth, Violence Prevention Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Elaine Jacobs