

**McHenry County Mental Health Board
Special Meeting
October 10, 2019 • 5:00 PM
Held at: Mental Health Board, 620 Dakota Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60012**

MINUTES

Board Members present: Mike Baber (5:07 p.m.), Rachel Boldman, Tracy Champion, Cathy Ferguson, Sam Melei, Connee Meschini, Dawn Pruchniak, Sarah Wilson, Paula Yensen

Board Members absent: None

Others present: Nancy Monica, Dr. Marvin Rossi, Tony Di Vittorio, Sheila Lullo, Emily Fencl, Risher Dumpit, Lori Sullivan, Rob Christy, Stephanie Strumberger, Matt Carlen, Sue Walsh, Sam Tenuto, Frank Samuel, DJ Newport, Erin Brumfield Grima, Scott Block, Terry Braune, Jane Wacker, Pat Peterson, other interested parties

1. CALL TO ORDER – Connee Meschini called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

3. NEW BUSINESS - FOR PRESENTATION/FOR DISCUSSION

A. Epilepsy Foundation

Nancy Monica and Dr. Marvin Rossi presented on behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation

- Telemedicine, telehealth
- EF of IL is no longer a part of IA, NE
- CARF Accreditation – only filed for case model in Crystal Lake
- Keeping office same staff to allow for same care level
- Would like to change the Foundation to: Epilepsy Health Management, a 501c3.
- Five committed Board members that live in McHenry County, looking for several others including accounting, attorney
- All work will be done from the Crystal Lake office
- National relationship is supportive and partnering; trying to get TBI covered by Medicaid. They will be working directly with National and will continue effort to become billable
- Need to employ an NPI
- A letter sent to members stated National will support initiatives to build other epilepsy service providers
- EF is “falling apart” and unable to pay bills
- MHB’s current contract with EF of No. IL goes through November 2019
- Contractual risks would increase audits and payout is on a 1/12 basis
- Other agencies are willing to step in if services are needed

B. Clearbrook

Tony Di Vittorio, Sheila Lullo, and Emily Fencl Presented on behalf of Clearbrook.

- Tony provided a history of Clearbrook in McHenry County, started CHOICE with backing of MHB. Received grant to open homes. Opened a vocational service program and paired it with “Naturally Gifted.” Were notified of need for DD Services, they have applied and discovered they could become a full MH provider, have signed off on space to start providing services in spring with another home.
- Very appreciative of MHB support
- Significant service need warrants a director for the area
- Enormous opportunity for service provision in the County
- Respite Services
- Group Respite at CHOICE

Cathy expressed concern regarding the request for the bus funding. In the past the Board has not funded this type of request. Scott noted this has been taken out of the funding approved.

C. Mathers Recovery, LLC

Risher Dumpit presented on behalf of Mathers Recovery.

- Servicing the County for 35 years, increased demand due to Opioid Clinic
- Methadone clinics in surrounding areas are approved by SAMHSA and have been requested to duplicate services in Kendall County. They have learned much from SAMHSA in how to set up clinics.
- Next mission is to expand knowledge and decrease stigma in medical community
- Hope to launch program to assist individuals with OUD
- Educate local providers to provide suboxone
- Establish hotline to direct questions and provide intake
- Provide Mathers mentor program to discuss specific clinical issues
- Work with MHB to provide better reporting of outcomes
- Stats on Overdose Rates, Opioid and Heroin
- Actual patients on meth treatment 97 – suboxone services 111
- 450 treated from OUD since 2015, this will continue to rise
- Need outreach, clinical intake personnel, OUD (opioid use disorder) expert for frontline and hub-spoke
- Updated software integration and personnel to remain compliant and efficient could be used to assist other providers in need. At a minimum, providers with suboxone could participate
- Hope to help with McHenry County Opioid Initiative
- Increases requested are in the funding plan

Local funding dollars of substance abuse are less due to higher funding rates provided by the State.

Likely funding for Opioid and MAT programs will be allocated to “desert” communities. McHenry County may not qualify due to demographics.

Paula questioned fundraising efforts. Risher noted outreach to inform providers and community but are not doing events for outside funding as they are a private funder, not a typical not-for-profit and do have a third party payer. Need for additional outreach personnel is critical for the contact of clients who do not show up.

D. Northern Illinois Medical Center dba Centegra Hospital Woodstock

Lori Sullivan, Rob Christy, Stephanie Strumberger, Matt Carlen, President, Northwestern Medicine Woodstock Hospital, Sue Walsh, NWM Corp Strategy presented on behalf of Northwestern Medicine.

Rob Christy, SVP of external affairs for NWM, provided overview of his work and oversight of their community health needs and an assessment of needs done every three years.

Community health needs assessment takes into consideration many needs, MH is ranked very high

Mental health system in McHenry County is something that NWM can really learn from. They look to the MHB and relationship with County as learning tool. Not many changes will be seen in this area for McHenry County as it is a top identified need.

Stephanie reported that the Crisis Program will look similar to past with increased staffing, under management of Emergency within the hospital and hope to make the program more collaborative and robust.

The Crisis line will continue to be answered by a person and remain a 24/7 service. Still providing services to Condell and Harvard. Also responds to critical incidents in the County. New brochures have been developed and will be provided.

E. Pioneer Center

Scott stated that Pioneer Center was invited to provide a fiscal check-in to Board members.

Sam Tenuto, Frank Samuel, DJ Newport, Erin Brumfield Grima presented on behalf of Pioneer Center.

Sam provided history of Pioneer Center now focusing on Needs Assessment. He provided an update on the progress of the Homeless Shelter. Groundbreaking in the next few weeks with an opening planned at the end of January.

- Transition of KVR to New Directions will occur in the next month
- PADS will lease space from New Directions until they move to McHenry
- Frank provided “Financial State and Outlook” handout to all Board members and asked that the Board reconsider the request for IDD support

- New Child and Family Center opening in December will provide additional revenue
- Additional growth of behavioral health services, as they never stopped providing these services
- Now have space to accommodate more staff and should be opening in next 30 days to better accommodate needs of the community
- Adopted Trauma-Informed Care program that is broad and accessible
- Jefferson Street property is still owned by PC, they are operating programs there until other property opens.
- New clients do not need to be a part of Pioneer Center programs
- They have partnered with YFC of McHenry and also take referrals from schools, etc.
- KVR will no longer be on books. The sale of Jefferson Street will continue to improve financial standing
- Reimbursement funding tied to homeless shelter
- DJ Newport clarified DD funding request and explained that individuals would need to pay out of pocket

F. FY20 Draft Funding Plan Review

Scott reviewed FY20 Funding Plan revisions:

- Items in yellow were reviewed and tentatively approved at last month's meeting
- Items in green are up for discussion or a particular member needs to abstain
- Items in white are new providers that need to present to Board members to provide more information

Key points discussed by MHB Board members:

- These funds could be used to fund the Mathers program
- \$30K to Pioneer Center for Child and Family program
- CCCS and MHB priority, discussion about support to prevention program; decreasing Mental Wellness Program through Financial Counseling
- Dawn suggested providing full request of \$15k for Financial Workshops
- Connee noted that taking all funding for Mental Wellness through Financial Counseling program would take away entire program
- Sam reminded members that this is a preventative program
- Cathy's opinion is that this is not a direct service and doesn't fall under our statute
- Board members concurred on full funding of \$15,000 for CCCS Financial Workshop program
- Board members concurred on \$40k for CCCS Mental Wellness through Financial Counseling Services program and to put them on notice that this may be reduced in the future
- This action demonstrates that the MHB is maintaining a wider array of services
- Pioneer Start-up, \$30,000 is a one-time grant for a continuing community need for children and adolescents. Pioneer Center is in a different place than 3 years ago. This \$30k gets the clinical position started until it is reimbursable by 3rd party billing. Members concurred, with reservation.
- There is \$100,000 less allocated to Pioneer Center than last year, administrative funding has been decreased.

G. FY20 Funding Agreements for Review

i. Standard Funding Agreement

ii. Pay-for-Performance Agreement

The FY20 Funding Agreement DRAFT and FY20 Funding Agreement P4P DRAFT were provided for review and for approval at the Thursday, October 17, 2019 meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - none.

5. ADJOURN - Paula Yensen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Sarah Wilson. A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

A. Mental Health Board Special Board Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

B. Mental Health Board Regular Board Meeting: Tues., Oct. 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.