

The following are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Peoria County Board for the Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability which was held Friday, February 7, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at the Peoria City/County Health Department at 2116 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, Illinois 61604

Those persons present included:

Gary F. Stella, President and Member
Laura Sniff, Member
Nora Sullivan, Member
Steve Giebelhausen, Civil Division, State's Attorney's Office
Kate Van Beek, County Administration
Diane Parrish, Autism Disbursement Committee
Doris Hayes, EP!C
Keo Thompson, EP!C
Kristen Berchtold, EP!C
Corinne Wolffe, HISRA
Katie Van Cleve, HISRA
Amy Cundiff, HISRA
Erin Rogers, Easter Seals
Jim Runyon, Easter Seals
Patti Gratton, Community Workshop and Training Center
Jim Simkins, Community Workshop and Training Center
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky

Call to Order

Gary Stella called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Laura Sniff made the motion, with Nora Sullivan seconding, to approve the Minutes of the meetings of November 22, 2013 and December 9, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously.

Autism Trust Investments

Ms. Parrish noted that at the time the Autism Disbursement Committee was formed, the trust money was invested by the County Treasurer. She stated that for the last several years, the committee has attempted to obtain control of the investment. The position secured by the State's Attorney's states that the funds are considered 3rd party money, with the 377 Board acting as trustees.

Ms. Parrish stated that after receipt of the State's Attorney's position, she gathered several proposals recommending various alternatives on the best utilization of the investment dollars. She received proposals on Investment Models from Southside Trust and Savings Bank, US Bank and Merrill Lynch, and briefly summarized the philosophy, fees and performance of each institution.

Mr. Stella requested that Ms. Parrish further research the three proposals and bring a final recommendation to the Board.

Purchase of Service/Agency Presentations

Agency presentations were given by representatives from Easter Seals, Camp Big Sky, EPIC, Community Workshop & Training Center and Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association. The amount to be disbursed for FY 14 is \$550,000.00. The following is a summary of each presentation:

Easter Seals - Ms. Rogers advised that the request is to provide start-up funding for a Toddler Talk program, a parent/toddler group for children from 20 months to 36 months of age. The program will be located and Northminster Church. Families will commit to participation in 12 week sessions, and meet weekly for 90 minutes.

Camp Big Sky - Mr. Guidi advised that the request is for the provision of accessible outdoor opportunities for children and adults with disabilities, as well as their family members, friends and caregivers, at no cost. He stated that the focus this year is on providing support for full community integration through education. Two new initiatives are being proposed, a volunteer training program and integrated activities.

EPIC - EPIC is requesting funding for the EPIC Hub, which was formerly PARC Assistive Technology Services. In addition, they are requesting funding for their Early Intervention Services and Educational Services. New components are being added to their Educational Services, including a simulated kitchen, a music room, and a work skills program.

Community Workshop and Training Center - Mr. Simkins discussed requests for the provision of Community Employment Services and Residential Support. He noted that 91 individuals were placed in community employment last year, exceeding their set goal, with a retention rate after one year of 85%. The Residential Support Program is focused on working with individuals who are at risk of homelessness.

Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association (HISRA) - HISRA is requesting funding for the FOCUS Adult Day Programming and Adult Social Programming. Funding for the Adult Day Program would enable the program to expand their facilities to neighboring communities. Funding for the Adult Social Program would enable the addition of programs lost to budget cuts. HISRA is also requesting one-time funding for the addition of a vehicle with a hydraulic lift, the cost of which would be shared by the two programs.

The following is a summary of the programs and grant requests by each agency.

Agency	Program	FY 2013 Grant	FY 2014 Request
Easter Seals	Toddler Talk/Inclusive Parent/Child Communication Therapy Group	\$0	\$7,611
Camp Big Sky	Social/Community Integration through Education	\$11,000	\$14,000
EPIC	EPIC Hub (formerly PARC Assistive Technology Services)	\$70,000	\$85,000
EPIC	Early Intervention Services	\$25,000	\$30,000
EPIC	Education Services	\$192,000	\$250,000

Community Workshop and Training Center	Community Employment Services	\$193,000	\$210,000
Community Workshop and Training Center	Peoria County Residential Support	\$34,000	\$65,000
Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association (HISRA)	FOCUS Adult Day Program	\$0	\$61,950
Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association (HISRA)	Adult Social Programming	\$0	\$33,000

Lease Update

Mr. Giebelhausen advised that Maloof has a potential buyer, who is meeting with financial backers today. He stated that he anticipates being under contract to sell the facility by the end of the month. He said that the potential buyer plans to utilize the majority of the building, which would be an opportunity to discuss a buy-out of the lease.

Mr. Giebelhausen noted that the January lease payment was not submitted by County Administration to the landlord. Ms. Van Beek advised that a Care and Treatment Board Update will be placed on the Health, Environmental & Welfare Issues Committee February agenda. She indicated that there is no funding budgeted for rent in 2014.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Nora Sullivan made the motion to adjourn the Regular Session with Laura Sniff seconding. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.