

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, June 27, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Room LL100 at the Peoria City/County Health Department at 2116 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61604.

Those persons present included:

Gary Stella, President and Member
Joyce Harant, Member
Nora Sullivan, Member
Sandra Adkins, Member (entered the meeting at approximately 2:14)
Steve Giebelhausen, Civil Division, State's Attorney's Office
Kate Van Beek, County Administration
Kim Cornwell, EP!C
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky
Jim Runyon, Easter Seals
Patti Gratton, Community Workshop and Training Center

Call to Order

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

Review and Approval of Minutes

Joyce Harant made the motion, with Nora Sullivan seconding, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

Autism Trust Funds/Recommendation from the Disbursement Committee for funding

Nora Sullivan made the motion, with Joyce Harant seconding, to approve the recommendation from the Autism Trust Funds Disbursement Committee for funding for Easter Seals for \$100,000. This request was made in an email dated May 27, 2014 from Diane Parrish of the Trust. That email is attached. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Runyon of Easter Seals provided an overview of the three year project and discussed the goals for the upcoming year. Statistical data was also provided to the Board.

Lease Update

Steve Giebelhausen stated that the rent for the building continues to be paid. It was noted that the funds for the rent are being paid out of the reserves in the Care and Treatment Board budget. He noted for the Board that the building is now up for sale. He added that the commitment for rent on the building continues through 2017.

Board members noted that DCFS (corrected in a later email that it is actually Public Aid) is looking to move out of their space on Forrest Hill. It was suggested that Maloof be made aware of this apparent need for another building in hopes that the space we have available might meet their needs.

Public Comments

Jim Runyon provided an updated Autism Resource Handbook that Easter Seals prepared. He also shared the latest prevalence rate as reported by the Center for Disease Control. Specifically the CDC is stating the estimated prevalence rate for Autism in children is now 1 in 68.

Data was provided by Mr. Runyon on the estimated numbers by county and the actual numbers of children currently being screened.

Additional information about programming provided by Easter Seals was provided including an update on a program at the airport for families of children with Autism who are preparing to travel. Other information was provided about a new support group that is being formed in Fulton County.

Brad Guidi provided an update on programming at Camp Big Sky. He noted that the Volunteer Trainee Program has been a huge success. A brochure on the program was provided. He also reported that the Discovery Wagon is a huge success and that the Life Skills Program continues to grow. He noted for the Board that they are concerned about exceeding their capacity for the life skills program demonstrating the need for the service. He provided additional information on the school based program stating that it tripled for this fall.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00.