

**Peoria County Board for the Care and Treatment  
of Persons with a Developmental Disability  
Minutes of  
July 24, 2015**

**Members Present:** Gary Stella  
Nora Sullivan  
Joyce Harant

**Others Present:** Gene Huber, Peoria City/County Health Department  
Kristin Grubb, Peoria City/County Health Department  
Bill Atkins, Peoria County State's Attorney's Office  
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky  
Steve Thompson, Easter Seals  
Patti Gratton, Community Workshop & Training Center  
Kim Cornwell, EP!C

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mr. Stella.

A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the meeting minutes of June 19, 2015. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Motion carried (3, 0).

Mr. Atkins provided his recommended changes to the draft By-laws regarding the Section II. Membership. He suggested adding to II.B.: "The C & T Board shall recommend at least one family member of an individual receiving services through the C & T Board." He also suggested adding to II.C. after "...as the general public." "At least one Board member should be a family member of an individual receiving services through the efforts of the C & T Board." A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the changes to the draft By-laws. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Mr. Atkins stated that, once the By-laws are approved, he will then prepare a resolution to be taken to the County Board to pass that would make it mandatory for the County Board to appoint members to the Care & Treatment Board based on what is stated in the By-laws. Mr. Thompson stated that the proposed changes may limit individuals due to children aging out of programs. A motion was made by Ms. Harant to amend the proposed changes to the draft By-laws to include the following: "or having previously received services". Motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Motion carried (3, 0). A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the By-laws as amended. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Ms. Huber reviewed the proposed FY16 Budget, which currently reflects a projected \$383,000.00 deficit. She stated that, in order to reduce the projected deficit, the Board would need to increase revenues, decrease expenditures (grant awards), or a combination of both. Mr. Stella stated that he met with the County Administrator earlier in the week regarding the Care & Treatment Board's budget. The County Administrator was sympathetic to the Board's need; however, informed Mr. Stella that the County's Budget is up in the air until the State of Illinois budget is finalized. Ms. Huber stated that the Board would need an additional \$224,000.00 to

meet the required reserve threshold set by the County Board. It was decided that when Ms. Huber meets with the County Administrator in September regarding the budget, Mr. Stella will go with her. Mr. Atkins suggested that, if the Board requests additional funds from the County, that a dollar amount is requested rather than a percentage. He added that legally the Board does not have to have a reserve fund. A motion was made by Ms. Harant to table approval of the FY16 Budget to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, the service providers gave the Board information regarding the challenges they are facing regarding funding as they are being hit hard with proposed budget cuts. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board will ask to be on the agenda for the August 24th Health, Public Safety, and Justice Committee of the County Board. Mr. Stella asked the providers to prepare information to present to that Committee.

In the next item of business, the status of the Autism Trust was discussed. Mr. Thompson recommended that the Trust be dissolved. He stated that doing so would provide the potential to fund services for children with autism, assure funding in 2016 and 2017, and provide the money to pay back the Health Department, pay the lease and have a reserve fund. Mr. Stella stated that dissolving the trust would take the pressure off of the County Board to fund the Care & Treatment Board. Mr. Atkins stated that, if the Board decides to dissolve the Trust, two separate meetings would need to be held. A meeting of the Care & Treatment Board would be held followed by a meeting of the trustees. Ms. Sullivan stated that an individual from Cheri Bustos' office is looking into the status of renewing the 501(c)3 status. It was stated that if the Autism Trust Disbursement Committee wants to disburse funds, it is able to do so as the 501(c)3 status does not impact spending money. At Mr. Stella's request, Mr. Atkins will draft a letter to the Trust. RFPs have not been released for the Trust. It was also stated that there could be penalties regarding the tax issues with the Trust.

In the next item of business, a motion was made by Ms. Harant to appoint Mr. Stella as the Care & Treatment Board's representative to the Autism Trust Disbursement Committee. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Motion carried (3, 0).

The next meeting of the Care & Treatment Board will be Friday, August 21, 2015 at 2:00 pm. This meeting will focus on preparation for the presentation to the Health, Public Safety, and Justice Committee on August 24th.

Ms. Gratton stated that CWTC is holding a raffle for a piece of jewelry. Mr. Giudi stated that the groundbreaking for the Camp Big Sky Learning Center is scheduled for Friday, August 14th at 10:00 am at the Camp.

At 3:26 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Harant to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Motion carried (3, 0).