

**Peoria County Board for the Care and Treatment  
of Persons with a Developmental Disability  
Minutes of  
February 25, 2016**

**Members Present:** Greg Chance  
Joyce Harant  
Todd Baker  
Alyssa Herman

**Others Present:** Gene Huber, Peoria City/County Health Department  
Kristin Grubb, Peoria City/County Health Department  
Steve Giebelhausen, Peoria County State's Attorney's Office  
Larry Evans, Peoria County State's Attorney's Office  
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky  
Chris Kochanowicz, Children's Home  
Patti Gratton, Community Workshop & Training Center  
Don Rulis, Community Workshop & Training Center  
Kim Cornwell, EP!C  
Doris Hayes, EP!C  
Lauren Coyle, EP!C  
Jim Runyon, Easter Seals

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Mr. Chance.

A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the meeting minutes of February 18, 2016. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Ms. Huber reviewed the fiscal report. The projected ending balance for 2016 is \$7,663.00. A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the Fiscal Report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Mr. Chance stated that the projected ending balance is very weak; with the current lease agreement expiring in July 2017, the Board could have a problem paying the rent if the decision is made to award 100% of the grant funds as authorized by the budget. There was discussion regarding options for the Board including asking the Board of Health to amend its agreement for repayment of the loan as well as asking the County Board to transfer funds while waiting for funds to come in. The Board reached consensus to award 100% of the funds authorized. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, there was discussion regarding filling the open position on the Board. Ms. Harant suggested a community person who either works with individuals with developmental disabilities or has a child with a developmental disability. Mr. Chance state that the model which was being looked at for the Board is similar to the model being used in McLean County and seems to work well. Ms. Harant stated that, at a previous meeting, there was discussion regarding a possible County Board resolution being developed which would outline a preference that would include Board of Health members, parents, and caregivers of an individual with disabilities to be considered for

appointment to the Care & Treatment Board. She asked Mr. Giebelhausen to look into the status of this.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance asked the Board members for feedback regarding the challenges presented in the fiscal report and also if they were comfortable with awarding grants based on what the report showed. Mr. Baker stated that the agencies should not be punished due to the potential funding shortfall for the Board; however, the Board has an obligation to get out of its current financial situation. In response to a request from Ms. Harant to provide her opinion, Ms. Huber stated that she suggested the Board hold back \$50,000.00 from the budgeted grant award amount to cover known expenses. Mr. Chance stated that his opinion was that he does not want to short change the agencies. The Board reached a consensus to award 100% of the funds budgeted.

The Board members then provided their recommendations for funding the agencies. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Harant to award the following grant amounts:

Easter Seals	Early Intervention in Natural Environments	\$14,000.00
Camp Big Sky	Living A Life Like Any Other	\$20,000.00
EP!C	HUB	\$80,000.00
EP!C	Educational Services	\$180,000.00
CWTC	Community Employment Services	\$180,000.00
CWTC	Adult Day Development Training Program	\$26,000.00

Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion carried (3, 0).

Mr. Chance stated that the grant period is January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016. Contracts will be sent to the agencies; once signed funds will be distributed. The Board agreed upon quarterly disbursements. The agencies who received funding will be required to submit quarterly reports to Ms. Huber/Ms. Grubb. Mr. Chance stated that he intends to bring back to the Board, in order to effectively manage resources, discussion regarding the possibility of changing the time frame for the grant period to July through June.

In the next item of business, Ms. Cornwell thanked the Board for its advocacy. Mr. Kochanowicz thanked the Board for the opportunity to submit an application. Ms. Harant stated that for her, the reasons for not recommending funding the Children's Home application were a lack of collaboration and lack of utilizing volunteers as well as the application not being put together very well. Ms. Gratton also expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board. Mr. Guidi also thanked the Board and invited the members for a tour when the campers are present. Mr. Runyon also thanked the Board and distributed a fact sheet regarding "Failing to Keep Pace" which showed the gap in reimbursement rates from the State over time. He also stated that with the growing concern of awarding decreased funding, there has to be movement toward better financial standing for the Board.

At 10:50 am, Ms. Herman entered the meeting.

Mr. Runyon stated that OSF and Easter Seals developed a proposal regarding the Autism Trust being dissolved and those funds used. He added that he looks forward to a response to that proposal and that, as someone who has followed the activities of the Care & Treatment Board, he has been patient and has not challenged the Board regarding fund development.

Mr. Chance stated that, under advice of legal counsel, he would not discuss the Autism Trust in the Care & Treatment Board meeting. Additionally, he added that he would take Mr. Runyon's comments under advisement and not push back at this time.

In response to a question from Ms. Gratton regarding what the agencies can do to help the Board, Mr. Chance stated that there needs to be more discussion. Ms. Harant suggested that the agencies attend the monthly meeting of the Health, Public Safety, and Justice Committee and talk about the services they provide.

Regarding the next meeting date, Mr. Chance stated that Ms. Grubb will poll the members to set the next date.

At 10:59 am, a motion was made by Ms. Harant to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Motion carried (3, 0).