

**Peoria County Board for the Care and Treatment
of Persons with a Developmental Disability
Minutes of
March 16, 2017**

Members Present: Greg Chance
Alyssa Herman
Joyce Harant
Shannon Moberg

Members Absent: Todd Baker
Bob Baietto

Others Present: Brian Gulley, Peoria City/County Health Department
Patti Gratton, Community Workshop & Training Center
Jim Runyon, Easter Seals
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky

Meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm by Mr. Chance.

A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the meeting minutes of February 16, 2017. Motion was seconded by Ms. Moberg. Motion carried (4, 0).

In next item of business, a motion was made by Ms. Moberg to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. The report was summarized by Mr. Gulley. Mr. Chance asked Mr. Gulley to follow up with County Finance regarding funds due back to the State of Illinois due to a formula error in the distribution of personal property replacement tax. Motion carried (4, 0).

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that the request from Camp Big Sky regarding grant conditions was discussed at last month's meeting. Mr. Gulley was asked to get an opinion from the State's Attorney's Office before the Board took action on this request. Mr. Gulley stated that the State's Attorney's Office informed him that if the Mr. Guidi supplied his 2014 audit and Form 990, this would be in compliance with how the Request for Proposals is worded. A motion was made by Ms. Harant to grant the request from Camp Big Sky regarding the submission of financial information related to the grant conditions of the 2016-2017 grant extension. Motion seconded by Ms. Herman. Language in the RFP for 2017-2108 will be reviewed for this issue. Motion carried (4, 0).

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that there was discussion regarding the FY2017-2018 timeline for the grant. There was discussion regarding changing the information requested in the RFP. The Board reached consensus to send out the RFPs on April 7th with a due date of May 15th. Mr. Chance will ask Ms. Grubb to send the previous grant application to the Board members for review and any suggested changes. A motion was made by Ms. Moberg establishing the time frames for the 2017-2018 grant cycle for the RFP to be released on April 7th. Deadlines for proposals will be May 15th with the Board to meet and make decisions by June 16th. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (4, 0).

The Board discussed the total amount available to fund the 2017-2018 grant requests, reaching consensus that the amount available to be included in the RFP is \$800,000.00, which does not mean the Board has to award the full amount. Language for the RFP is that the Board anticipates a maximum amount of \$800,000.00 to possibly be awarded during the grant period of FY2017-2018.

Mr. Guidi stated that the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities awarded \$531,000.00 in federal funding to six smaller organizations statewide. KCCDD in Galesburg received \$32,000.00 to start a theater troop to put on plays. The Committee he serves on is attempting to award money to smaller organizations rather than giving large amounts to statewide organizations. At the fall retreat, any service provider in the State can attend for a best practices mini conference of the funded projects that have had good results. Mr. Guidi stated he would like to invite local funding sources to attend as well; he will provide more information as the event gets closer. Mr. Guidi distributed brochures for Camp Big Sky's Adult Volunteer Training Program. This program is being expanded to two days a week this year. He stated that participants in this program are being able to show their volunteer training on their resume to obtain both volunteer and paid employment in their communities. The program will start on June 7th, which is the target date to have the first floor of the learning center functional. The life skills program will also be moved into the learning center. Mr. Guidi distributed the general brochure, which describes the outdoor activities provided at Camp Big Sky, to the members. He stated that the annual fishing tournament will be held on May 20th at Giant Goose Ranch; more information will be provided at the next meeting.

Ms. Gratton stated that CWTC ran an ad in the paper thanking employers who have employed individuals with disabilities. She added that March is Developmental Disabilities Month.

Mr. Runyon stated that the State is working on getting a Medicaid waiver approved; the focus is more on behavioral health. It appears the waiver will be approved. There will be some impact on how behavioral health services are funded over the next several years; however, there would not be much impact on the developmentally disabled population. Mr. Runyon then stated that the practice of the Board has been to fund birth to three and 21 and over. In McLean County, funding goes birth to five. The reason for birth to five is because a significant number of kids don't go to school by age three, but do by age five. Mr. Runyon asked that Board to consider changing the RFP from birth to three to birth to five; if the Board would allow that, he asked to be notified at the next meeting so the grant proposal can reflect that change. Mr. Runyon stated that when the trust was created, there was an unwritten rule that autism related requests would go to the trust and other requests to purchase of service. He asked if the Board would like to continue under that or if an autism-related request would be appropriate for purchase of service proposals. Mr. Chance responded that if the proposal meets the requirements of the RFP the Board would review it. There was discussion regarding if there is any legislative language regarding the age for services. Mr. Runyon stated that he thinks the language is "school age"; he is asking about a child past their third birthday, but not enrolled in school. Mr. Chance stated that he will check the statute and he will also find the RFP from McLean County's 377 Board and send it to the other Board members.

Mr. Guidi stated that TCRC has a catering business and asked everyone to consider using them for events.

There was discussion regarding how the RFP will be posted; Mr. Chance stated that this will be handled as it has in the past and he will be talking to Ms. Grubb.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.