Peoria County Board for the Care & Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability

Minutes of
February 20, 2019

Members Present: Alyssa Herman
Greg Chance
Shannon Moberg
Joyce Harant
Todd Baker

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brian Gulley, Peoria City/County Health Department
Amy Roberts, Peoria City/County Health Department
Doris Hayes, EPIC
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky
Patti Gratton, CWTC
Brad Davis, Central Illinois Autism Association
Mary McGlauchlen, Central Illinois Service Access

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

Ms. Herman skipped agenda item number two, because there was no one participating via conference phone. Ms. Herman introduced Mr. Davis from Central Illinois Autism Association and Ms. Harant introduced Ms. McGlauchlen from Central Illinois Service Access to the group.

A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chance. Motion carried (4,0).

A motion was made by Mr. Chance to approve the Fiscal Report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Mr. Gulley reviewed the Fiscal Report, the numbers in the packet are for 2018, which is almost done closing out. Total expenditures to date are $825,000, all agencies have been paid for the fourth quarter, except for HISRA, which is owed around $16,000 from July to December, still waiting on the reports. Mr. Gulley is hopeful those expenses will be posted within the next couple of weeks. For revenues, property taxes came in at about 99% year to date budget. CPPRT income came in approximately $1,000 over budget. After the reports had run for the packet, additional interest money had come in, putting the total interest for the year at just above $6,500. Total revenue, with the additional interest, is at $899,564.55. The current fund balance is $274,505. Mr. Chance asked if there was any property tax from 2019 and Mr. Gulley thought there was one that had come in but was minimal. Motion carried (4,0).

Ms. Herman moved on to agenda items five and six, a discussion on the bylaws, section 2C. Ms. Herman noted that she had spoken with Mr. Evans from the State’s Attorney’s
office regarding conflict of interest. Ms. Herman stated that Mr. Evans did not give a clear direction of what to do, because of the community, it would be difficult to get members on the Care and Treatment Board that are not involved with any other community partnerships. Mr. Evans said that having someone excuse themselves when reviewing specific grants if it is a conflict of interest is appropriate, but he did not give clear advice on changing any bylaws. Ms. Herman asked if the board wanted to change the language of the bylaws to reflect excusing oneself in the case of a conflict of interest. Ms. Harant asked if the County Board document wording would work for this case, however, neither Ms. Harant or Ms. Herman had the document with them to review. Mr. Chance stated that as long as it’s publicly noted that it’s a conflict of interest, it is handled appropriately. Ms. Herman is to email the County Board bylaw language to the board. The board agreed that there’s needs to be some changes to the bylaws, Ms. Herman will also email them out to the board for changes and suggestions.

Ms. Herman moved onto the next agenda item, The Reduction of Independent Service Coordination Agencies and its Impact on Peoria County. Ms. Harant noted that she is on the Central Illinois Service Access (CISA) board and that Ms. McGlauchlen made the board aware that some geographic regions and quality changes are moving forward. Ms. McGlauchlen stated the services serve 640 individuals in Peoria County, about 4 to 5% of the population in Peoria County. There have been more changes in the last two years to this service delivery system than there’s been in the last 25 years. Ms. McGlauchlen voiced that the changes haven’t been well thought out, funded appropriately, and there are no clear long-term objectives. The service system isn’t ready for this large change and 46 providers, 13 ISC agencies, and 7 state wide trade organizations have tried to stop this change from happening, however all appeals have been exhausted and the changes are moving forward. Ms. McGlauchlen provided handouts of maps of what the agencies and areas look like up through June 30th, 2019 and what they are changing it to. She noted that Peoria County would be taken over by Prairieland Service Coordination, located in Decatur. The continuity of care is a huge concern. Ms. Harant stated there is no funding to supplement the expansion. CISA will still give their clients a choice if they’d like to stay with CISA or if they’d like to proceed with Prairieland Service Coordination. This new change will go into effect on July 1st, 2019. Mr. Baker asked if there was a specific task for the Care and Treatment Board for this or if it’s just for informational purposes only. Ms. Harant asked that the Care and Treatment Board write a letter showing concern that there are organizations that might have difficulty making this transition and ask for a re-evaluation. Ms. McGlauchlen would like to see a backup plan if the agencies can’t make payroll. Mr. Baker appreciates the situation but feels it’s outside of the scope of what the Board does and would not support asking for an explanation. Mr. Baker stated he would be behind a communication from the Peoria County Care and Treatment Board, stating what the Board does and as a Board are concerned about the constituents of Peoria County. Ms. Gratton stated that this is not the first time the agencies have been through this and is hopeful that the agencies would be able to let the Care and Treatment Board know if they are experiencing difficulties with the transition. Mr. Chance stated that the agencies weren’t mandated to do this, they stepped up and did it themselves, knowing the funding that would be involved and until they fail, Mr. Chance is not sure what the Board can do. Ms. Herman stated she
was feeling the same way. Ms. Harant appreciates and understands where everyone is coming from, realizing there is not too much to be done now.

Ms. Herman moved on to the next agenda item, Agency Reports. Ms. Herman asked if the Agency Reports should be included in the Agenda packet, and the Board was in agreement that moving forward it should. The reports from this meeting will be attached to these minutes, except for Ms. Harant’s report which was already included. Ms. Moberg visited HISRA and witnessed a classroom where the clients were learning about seeds to grow produce. Ms. Moberg also visited in the warehouse, where there was a gym area set up. The clients warmed up with walking around the track, then some clients did free weights, and could choose one machine to work out on. The staff member leading this is very energetic and invested in the clients. There are some staff that come over from the Riverplex to oversee the exercises. Ms. Moberg had a couple of concerns with safety and improper use of equipment. But the staff kept track of the client’s progress. Ms. Herman states she is unsure if there is anything official the Board needs to do, but asked Ms. Harant to speak to them about the safety concern. Ms. Harant agreed to bring it to the HISRA board for March.

Ms. Harant visited HISRA and witnessed clients learning and participating in art as well as a Thanksgiving lunch where the families were invited. Ms. Harant also attended a class on Healthy Eating and stated it was a very similar experience to what Ms. Moberg described with the number of staff/clients.

Mr. Chance visited Easter Seals in December and met with Mr. Runyon, received a tour of the facility. Numbers were down in the first quarter, primarily due to staffing, but the second quarter was looking much better. A challenge they are facing, is trying to increase screening opportunities in certain zip codes. Mr. Chance noted that the sensory space is heavily being utilized.

Ms. Herman visited CWTC a few weeks ago and went to Planet Fitness on Sheridan in Peoria. There are a couple of clients working there, cleaning equipment for the most part. It’s going very well, except for one situation where a client was a little too friendly and couldn’t understand some social cues while clients were working out. The manager at Planet Fitness is very enthusiastic. Ms. Herman had coffee with two consumers at Dunkin Donuts, when their case worker had brought them out. There was good conversation.

Ms. Herman stated the next meeting date is April 17th at 11:00, but will be in the Room 121, due to the Health Department’s All Staff Training Day in Room 125 and also needing the Board Room.

Ms. Herman to let the group know when the Grant RFPs will be presented.

Ms. Herman shared the information about a Seizure & Epilepsy group, but the dates had already passed. There is an email on the flyer if you’d like more information about upcoming dates.
Mr. Guidi asked if there is a Peoria County Board liaison appointed to the Care and Treatment Board yet and there is not.

Mr. Guidi updated the Board on Camp Big Sky. They are planning a Peoria based fundraiser on October 26th that will be inside. They just received a grant from Pilot Club Peoria and Pilot Club International to build a shade canopy structure, built by Peoria Awning, because many campers take seizure medications and direct sunlight is an issue. Twelve new solar collectors last fall were installed, along with 2 storage batteries and the turbine is expected to be installed this spring. Mr. Guidi is hopeful that they will be able to run the air conditioning this summer, as their up to about 7,000 wats of solar energy. Ability-to-Experience will be coming back for the 4th year this year and will be re-building the first cabin that was built. This is their 16th year so there are some infrastructure issues to deal with, new pathways and rebuilding or a new build on the pontoon. They are adding one day a week for the Hope-for-Life-Skills-Program, as there were school districts last year they could not accommodate. Also, will be adding one more week to the Volunteer Training Program, so it will be 7 weeks instead of 6 weeks.

Being no further business, Mr. Chance made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Herman seconded. Motion carried (4,0). The meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.