Peoria County Board for the Care & Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability
Minutes of April 17, 2019

Members Present: Alyssa Herman (via conference phone)
                  Greg Chance
                  Shannon Moberg
                  Joyce Harant
                  Todd Baker

Members Absent:

Others Present:  Brian Gulley, Peoria City/County Health Department
                  Doris Hayes, EPIC
                  Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky
                  Patti Gratton, CWTC
                  Jim Runyon, Easter Seals
                  Katie Hogan Van Cleve, HISRA

Meeting was called to order at 11:01 am by Ms. Herman. Motion carried (4,0).

A motion was made by Mr. Chance to approve Ms. Herman participating via conference call. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (4,0).

A motion was made by Mr. Chance to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (4,0).

A motion was made by Ms. Harant to approve the Fiscal Report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Mr. Gulley reviewed the Fiscal Report, stating all of the agencies were paid through December 2018. Total revenues for 2018 ended at $899,731. Grants for the agencies on the expenditures side came in at $840,935 which gave a surplus of $58,796, leaving the fund balance at $258,671. For 2019 to date, CPPRT money was received of almost $35,000. Cash on hand is around $293,000. The first quarter payments will be processed next week, still needing CWTC and HISRA. The quarterly payout will be $225,000 and there should be additional property tax money for the second quarterly payout in July. Motion carried (4,0).

A motion was made by Ms. Moberg to open discussion of the Bylaws Revision to Section 2C. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Ms. Herman stated this discussion was started as an attempt to update the bylaws to keep the Board compliant but also regarding members potentially have a conflict of interest to abstain from action items. Ms. Herman stated she had several conversations with Mr. Evans and would like to change the language in the bylaws to be more reflective of some other agencies. Previously, Ms. Harant shared the conflict of interest language from the County Board’s bylaws with Ms. Herman and Ms. Herman agreed with it and shared it with Mr. Evans and received his
support. The languages states that if there is a conflict of interest, the board needs to record it and abstain from any conversation or vote. Mr. Chance stated that he hopes there wouldn’t even be a cause for conflict of interest, due to the size of the county and finding interested members to serve on the Care and Treatment Board. Mr. Chance is not confident in opening this issue for future Boards. There was some discussion on employees verses Board members and abstaining from voting and discussion totally or just for the organization they work with. Mr. Chance made a motion to table this action item until the next Board meeting. Mr. Baker seconded Mr. Chance’s motion to table this action item until further research is done on what other 377 boards have done. Motion carried (4,0).

Ms. Herman moved on to the next agenda item, Position Appointments. Ms. Harant and Mr. Baker’s terms are ending June 2019 and both members have shown interest in serving another term. There will be a position to fill with Ms. Moberg’s departure. Ms. Herman asked if anyone had ideas for recruitment. Mr. Baker stated potentially asking the agencies if they have a parent of a participant that is not an employee that would be willing to join the Board.

Ms. Herman reviewed the RFP timeline. RFPs are due May 1st and Agency Presentations on May 15th at the next Care and Treatment Board meeting. Then, at the June 12th Care and Treatment Board meeting would be the backup date to announce awards if it’s not done at the May meeting.

Ms. Herman moved on to the Agency Visit Reports. The Agency Visit Schedule was included in this agenda packet. Ms. Herman reported she did not get out to Camp Big Sky but will visit soon. Mr. Chance met with Mr. Guidi at Camp Big Sky in late March. Mr. Chance stated that Mr. Guidi and his team are busy getting ready for groups coming into the camp in May. Mr. Chance saw the investment dollars in the infrastructure and was impressed with the site and services they offer to campers.

Mr. Baker stated that he visited EPIC this morning and will fill out an Agency Visit Report form. Mr. Baker stated it was amazing to see the work they’ve been doing. Mr. Baker said there was a great number of individuals who have had employment for over a year. Mr. Baker stated that he did not go to any of the work sites.

Ms. Herman stated the next meeting date is May 15th at 11:00 in Room 125 at PCCHD. Mr. Chance stated he will be out of town that week but will review grant proposals and submit his recommendations and scoring to Ms. Roberts at PCCHD to be included in the meeting dialogue.

Ms. Herman opened it up for Public Comments. Mr. Guidi stated as a member of the executive committee for the Illinois Council of Developmental Disabilities, they’re entertaining a proposal to fund an organization to assist other counties in the state to establish Care and Treatment Boards and are still working out the details, especially that they are educating and not advocating.
Ms. Hayes stated that next Saturday, EPIC will be having an open house at the greenhouse from 9-12. You can also sign up for weekly and bi-weekly subscriptions for vegetables in the summer and fall.

Mr. Runyon passed around handouts (attached) and stated it’s Easter Seal’s 100th year, nationally and locally. Mr. Runyon passed out documents for Autism Awareness Month with training opportunities highlighted this month. Mr. Runyon noted that Illinois Partners of the Advocacy Group periodically studies the rates they receive from the state for the work they do on behalf of the state. The group compared the rates in a number of different areas related to disabilities, early intervention, aging, and others to 10 other pure states. In almost all categories, Illinois rates low. For many, the rates have not been adjusted in years. Rates stay the same, but costs continue to rise creating a continuous burden. Mr. Runyon also noted that the state’s minimum wage will increase to $15/hour over the next 6 years gradually. Mr. Runyon said those who act on behalf of the state, their only customer is the state of Illinois. In the Governor’s budget address, he addressed them saying the state is going to pass the minimum wage and adjust their rates, not knowing how much to come up with. Members were surveyed to see what it would cost in order to adjust rates for the minimum wage increases. It will take $1.3 billion over the same period to just address the minimum wage increase. Mr. Runyon is asking the state to please adjust their rates and just wanted to share this with the Board. Mr. Runyon addressed some legislation, stating there is very little money at the federal level for autism direct services. Most of the funding at the federal level in the Cares Act, mostly for research and pilot projects, which is overseen by academic higher education by UIC. Mr. Runyon states that act needs to be re-authorized and to see if there is an opportunity to do pilot projects downstate. Also noted, in the UBIT bill, every not-for-profit is taxed based on the transportation it provides to its employees and taxed on parking lots. Mr. Runyon said they are trying to figure out the tax liability as they report this year and advocacy to get this thrown out in the future. House bill 2845 would require Illinois Medicaid to pay for autism related services is sitting in rules right now. House bill 2710, which is about BCBA licensure is also stuck in rules. There is one requiring Medicaid to pay for sedation for people with autism and other developmental disabilities who require sedation to have dental care, this rages the age from 19 to 26. There is another Senate bill to automatically make children eligible for early intervention if they have a blood test for lead and it’s significant.

Mr. Chance noted that the June 12th meeting may need to stay on the calendar for budget development. Typically, in July is when the County would want a proposed budget from the Care and Treatment Board.

Being no further business, Ms. Harant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Chance seconded. Motion carried (4,0). The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.