



Peoria County Board for the Care and Treatment Of Persons With A Developmental Disability

Members Present: Alyssa Herman
Greg Chance
Joyce Harant
Todd Baker
Andrew Rand (County Board Liaison)

Members Absent:

Others Present: Amy Roberts, Peoria City/County Health Department
Brian Gulley, Peoria City/County Health Department
Ryan LaCosse, Best Buddies
Amanda Atchley, Camp Big Sky
Julie Schifeling, Easter Seals
Kim Cornwell, EP!C
Patti Gratton, CWTC

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 am by Mr. Baker

Suspension of Bylaws to Conduct Care and Treatment Board Meeting Virtually

A motion to suspend the bylaws to conduct the Care and Treatment Board meeting virtually was made by Ms. Harant. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chance. Motion carried (4,0).

Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Chance to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Harant. Motion carried (4,0).

Fiscal Reports and Summary for FY2020 & FY2021

Mr. Gulley stated that in the packet are numbers for how FY2020 ended and numbers through March for FY2021. Total revenues for 2020 were \$908,566 and total expenditures were \$729,529 leaving a surplus of \$179,037 and the fund balance at \$472,433, which is what the Board started 2021 with. Mr. Gulley stated that two CPPRT disbursements have come through. Revenues are just over \$52,000. The only expense was to post the RFP, which was \$44. Current fund balance is sitting at \$524,389. The payouts for the first quarter will be made soon, totaling \$217,255. Mr. Chance made a motion to approve the Fiscal Report. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Motion carried (4,0).

Quarterly Review of Grants/Agency Visit Reports

Mr. Chance stated that due to COVID there has been limited access to the grant recipients, he has not done any agency visits. Ms. Cornwell stated that they have still had to have walk-through visits done for various purposes and they have been completed virtually with a device going through the building. Mr. Baker stated that the RFP went out and is due back on May 3rd. There was discussion with the agencies about if they had heard from the state about funding. Mr. Baker suggested hearing the presentations from the agencies at the May meeting, then rewarding the grants to the agencies at the June meeting. The Board was in agreement with that schedule.

Public Comments

Easterseals – Ms. Schifeling stated that Easter Seals would not be doing their telethon this year and instead would be doing a community rally, which started last Saturday with their Run, Walk, Roll event, where they had 455 participants. This will wrap up this Saturday at the Hero Walk in Bloomington.

CWTC – Ms. Gratton stated that Ms. Cornwell has been working with them on virtually meeting with legislators to make sure they are not forgotten in the budget and are educating new legislators about their services. They currently have about 80% staff back for their day programs but are currently putting a hold due to increased cases. Over the last quarter, they had 17 individuals that got jobs in the community.

Camp Big Sky – Ms. Atchley stated that they will begin their 18th camp season on May 5th. They will be following CDC guidelines, only having 2 groups per day. They are collaborating with master gardeners through the U of I Extension to build a new sensory garden this year. They will have their volunteer training program start May 26th and goes for six weeks, with just one group at a time. They are also working with the Center for Prevention of Abuse to talk to individuals about healthy relationships. They are working on updating necessary upgrades to their aging infrastructure to maintain safety. The floating docks are over 14 years old and they are looking to replace those with volunteers. The 12th annual fishing tournament is on May 15th at Giant Goose Ranch, where they hope to have around 20 participants. There will be a training this weekend to make sure they know how to cast and get fitted for life jackets. This event is open to the public. Every Saturday this month have been workdays, getting the camp ready for opening, volunteers are always welcome.

EPIC – Ms. Cornwell stated that Ryan Spain is back on the Human Services Committee, which is a positive to have someone from the area on that committee and they are hopeful that he will continue to advocate. She also stated that for their Art Program, she is contributing to the Spring Open House for the plants, for the greenhouse on May 1st. There will be a succulent bar, where you can purchase succulents. They had a staff member that was Certified in Customized Employment. The open house has been secured for September 9th for the chambers after hours, to celebrate the 71 years that EPIC has been around.

Best Buddies – Mr. LaCosse stated they are hosting the Best Buddies signature walk this Saturday, both in person and virtual. They will be working to open more schools in the fall with Best Buddies friendship chapters and they are looking for more schools in the area that are open to this programming. Starting in May, they will be hosting Financial Fridays to learn more about financial wellness and the best ways to navigate the difficulties of their finances. They are looking to add more individuals to these sessions. It's free to anyone in the area for anyone that has an intellectual or physical disability and their family.

There was discussion around the agencies and their individuals getting vaccinated and if there was vaccine hesitancy or not.

Adjournment

Being no further business, Ms. Harant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chance. The meeting ended at 11:39 am.