

**Peoria County Board for the Care & Treatment
of Persons with a Developmental Disability
Minutes of
June 3, 2020**

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

Members Absent: Andrew Edwards

Others Present: Amy Roberts, Peoria City/County Health Department
Brian Gulley, Peoria City/County Health Department
Flynn Okner, Best Buddies
Adam Wilt, Best Buddies
Ryan LaCosse, Best Buddies
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky
Amanda Atchley, Camp Big Sky
Patti Gratton, CWTC
Katie Musisi, Easter Seals
Doris Hayes, EPIC
Kim Cornwell, EPIC
Matt Sheehan, WMBD-TV

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by Ms. Herman.

**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. Baker. Motion carried (4,0).

Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Chance to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion carried (5,0).

Grant Awards

A motion was made to move in the Grant Awards item by Mr. Baker. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chance. Ms. Herman stated this agenda item was rescheduled from the previous meeting to have a better idea of the budget situation for the upcoming grant year, due to COVID. Mr. Gulley provided an update previously that he is expecting a reduction of 5% in property tax and CPPRT money as well as a 50% reduction in interest. Mr. Gulley stated there is

nothing new to update on the revenue side but got revised expenditure projections from four of the five agencies. Mr. Gulley updated the projects based on that, leaving the reductions in the 4th quarter, from April through June, at about \$143,000. With that and the new grant awards of \$850,000, by the end of the year in December it would leave the fund balance at \$415,000. Mr. Baker made a motion that the Peoria County Care and Treatment Board funds this grant cycle as follows:

Camp Big Sky – Why Not Now? for \$33,300
CWTC – Adult Day Developmental Training Program for \$49,500
CWTC – Job Readiness Program for \$207,000
Easter Seals – Prevent and Improving ID of Developmental Delays for \$2,907
Easter Seals – Early Intervention in Natural Environments for \$45,250
EPIC – Educational Services for \$238,500
EPIC – Specialized Job Training for \$292,500

Motion was seconded by Mr. Chance. Mr. Baker felt that at this time it was not appropriate to award grants to Best Buddies due to start up money. The total amount for these grants is \$869,020. If the funds are being spent, this could be re-evaluated at a later date in the year. Ms. Harant supported Mr. Baker's decision to not fund Best Buddies as they stated in their presentation that they would not be able to have this program if they did not receive all the grant money asked for. Mr. Chance was also in agreeance with this based on the amount of money requested and the number of clients served and totally relying on the Care and Treatment Board during an uncertain fund time. The Board decided to review the funding quarterly to keep up with. Mr. Chance stated there is a need to have an organizational meeting in July. Motion carried (4,0).

Ms. Herman made a motion to reschedule the June 17th meeting to July 15th at 11:00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chance. Motion carried (4,0).

Public Comments

EPIC – Kim Cornwell thanked the Care and Treatment Board for coming out and visiting as she felt that it helps when making decisions for funding. Ms. Cornwell also stated she is thankful the Care and Treatment Board waited until January to re-assess what they're able to do because of the pandemic. Doris Hayes also thanked the Board for supporting their programs.

Easter Seals – Katie Musisi attended this meeting on behalf of Julie Schifeling and thanked the Board for their continued support of Easter Seals and look forward to hosting Board Members as Easter Seals makes progress with their programs.

CWTC – Patti Gratton stated the Board has worked with these agencies a long time and knows the difference the grant money makes. Ms. Gratton stated they

are planning to re-evaluate and start back up in July but unsure what that looks like. She also thanked the Board for their continued support over the years.

Best Buddies – Adam Wilt thanked the Board for their consideration of Best Buddies and hearing more about the agency. They hope to continue to do great work in central Illinois and look forward to a possible partnership in the future.

Camp Big Sky – Brad Guidi also wanted to give the Board his appreciation and stated they admire every Board member’s dedication to doing this, as he knows it’s not an easy job. Amanda Atchley wanted to thank the Board for their continued confidence in Camp Big Sky and their partnership with the Board from the beginning.

Matt Sheehan from WMBD TV asked for clarification on where the grant money came from.

There was some discussion about if they video and audio from today’s meeting would or should be posted on the Care and Treatment website. Mr. Chance reminded Ms. Herman about the working with the County about putting out a press release announcing the grant awardees.

Adjourn

Being no further business, Mr. Baker made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Chance seconded. Motion carried (4,0). The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.