



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

Members Present: Alyssa Herman
Greg Chance
Todd Baker

Members Absent: Joyce Harant
Andrew Rand, County Board Liaison

Others Present: Amy Roberts, Peoria City/County Health Department
Ryan LaCosse, Best Buddies
Flynn Okner, Best Buddies (via Conference Phone)
Amanda Atchley, Camp Big Sky
Julie Schifeling, Easter Seals
Patti Gratton, CWTC
Kim Cornwell, EP!C

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:04 am by Mr. Baker

Suspension of Bylaws to Conduct Care and Treatment Board Meeting Virtually

Mr. Chance made a motion to suspend the bylaws to conduct the Care and Treatment Board meeting virtually. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Motion carried (3,0).

Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Chance to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Motion carried (3,0).

Fiscal Reports and Summary and FY2022 Budget Approval

Due to Ms. Herman needing to leave the meeting early and Mr. Gulley not being present to discuss the fiscal information, Mr. Chance made a motion to table agenda items 4 and 5 for a future meeting based on availability. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Motion carried (3,0).

Conflict of Interest Form

Mr. Baker noted that the Conflict of Interest form was page 9 in the packet and that each Board Member needed to fill this out. These need to be completed and turned in to Ms. Roberts by either email or mail.

Election of Officers

Mr. Chance made a motion to elect Mr. Baker for Chairperson for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion was seconded by Ms. Herman. Motion carried. (3,0). Mr. Chance made a motion to elect Ms. Herman for Secretary for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion carried (3,0).

Public Comments

CWTC – Patti noted they have gone back to masks for all visitors, consumers, and staff over the last few weeks. They have increased the request for consumers to get vaccinated. For residents in their group homes, they are at 100% vaccinated, 100% of the salaried staff have been vaccinated, 75% of the hourly staff have been vaccinated, 90% of consumers in the building and 80% of consumers in the apartments have been vaccinated. They are working to educate the individuals who are reluctant to getting the vaccine. They are still working on placing individuals in the community and the Day Program visits are now being limited. She also stated they are doing a dinner and awards presentation on September 14th at the Embassy Suites, cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00 with the program shortly following. The theme is Celebrating Everything Local.

Easter Seals – Julie shared that Easter Seals received a 3-year accreditation from the Behavior Health Center of Excellence for their ABA services. They held their Passage to India on Friday that honored the contributions of Asian Indian health care professionals, including Ms. Hendrickson with the inaugural Outstanding Public Health Award. Videos were created about the healthcare community and Julie can share those when they are available.

Camp Big Sky – Amanda stated they have had 787 visitors which included 468 campers with disabilities this season, which has doubled from last year. The season ends at the end of October. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources was there in June and did an aquatic program. The Volunteer Training Program was offered in May and June for six weeks where they had five participants from EPIC and one from Fulton County. The Farmington and Elmwood Police Departments came and did a program on their Canine Unit, as well as the Center for Prevention of Abuse. They just built a sensory activity board with some funding from the pilot club. Spoon River Valley high school students built it for them. The Life Skills program will be offered to students this fall, they currently have seven schools signed up. The three docks have all been completed and are being used daily. Their annual golf outing fundraiser is Friday, September 17th at Oak Run Golf Course, registration begins at 10:30, lunch at 11:00 and tee off at 12:00. On Friday, October 15th from 5-7 pm there will be a VIP reception for their major donors.

EPIC – Kim stated they are all masking again and following the precautions. Those individuals that live in the EPIC apartments are 99% vaccinated. Individuals coming from their homes, they are closer to 80% vaccinated. Staff-wise they are at 70% vaccinated and they cannot do enough education. Kim noted that there is a network call coming next week about potentially mandating vaccines in their facility. The wheel-chair accessible bikes are out and biking frequently as part of the Cycling Club. They are finding great employment opportunities for people, due to the many openings. Their 70th (now 71st) anniversary open house with the Chamber of Commerce on September 9th at EPIC from 4-7pm. They are looking forward to being able to display a new history wall.

Best Buddies – Ryan gave kudos to everyone dealing with the pandemic. He stated that Best Buddies have five new friendship chapters in the area which leads to the local leadership trainings. They are working on the Morton job fair with Morton Caterpillar to be at the end of September, will have a date soon. They are hosting Financial Fridays with North Western Mutual to better understand financial wellness. Their jobs program currently has 9 people working and 6 looking. On October 1st they will be at Warehouse on State for Champion of the Year from 6-11 pm, celebrating 10 philanthropists who are helping to raise money for Best Buddies. They will also have a silent disco, auction, food, & drinks. If you have any questions, you can email him.

Agency Visit Reports

Mr. Baker noted that due to the delta variant, the Board would not be completing the agency visits at this time and will table this until restrictions are lifted.

Mr. Baker also stated that once the contracts are complete, Ms. Roberts will work to do a press release with the awarded grants. Mr. Chance noted that the current grant contracts are still under

review by the State's Attorney's office and that checks should have been mailed out yesterday for payments for April – June.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.