

OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE November 1, 2023 Meeting

On November 1, 2023 Dorothy Bowers called a meeting of the 708 Board to order at 7:30 a.m. at Serenity, 1658 S. IL Route 2, Oregon, IL 610616 and utilizing Zoom meeting ID 394-790-2090. At the call of the secretary and notice given to each board member and notice posted at the Ogle County Courthouse and Serenity. Dorothy Bowers presided.

The secretary called the roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dorothy Bowers - *708 President*
Renee L. Barnhart - *708 Secretary and Treasurer (Zoom)*
Jenae Bothe (*Zoom*)
Marcella Haushahn (*Zoom*)
Joseph Simms

ABSENT:

Kathe Wilson - *708 Vice-President*
Cindy Bergstrom
Amy Zbinden Henkel
Judy Tatlock

OTHERS PRESENT:

Easterseals - represented by and Christi Star (*Zoom*)
HOPE - represented by Ruth Carter (*Zoom*)
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois - represented by Chris Mills (*Zoom*)
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc. – represented by Erica Engler (*Zoom*)
Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery- represented by Gerald Lott (*Zoom*)
Serenity - represented by Kathy Groenhagen
Shining Star – No representation
Sinnissippi Center's Inc. - represented by Stacie Kemp
Village of Progress – No representation

The Chair announced that we have a quorum.

Proposed Agenda November - Approve

Marcy Haushahn moved to accept the agenda as presented.
Renee Barnhart seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: October 2023 - Review and Approve

Renee Barnhart moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Jenae Bothe seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Vouchers: November 2023 - Review and Approve

Renee Barnhart moved to approve the vouchers as submitted.

Marcy Haushahn seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: November 2023 - Approve

Joseph Simms moved to approve the financial reports as presented.

Renee Barnhart seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Officer's Report:

President - Dorothy Bowers – Nothing to report

Vice President - Kathleen Wilson – Not Present

Unfinished Business – Discussion and Possible Action:

708 Facebook Page Committee (Judy Tatlock) – Status

<https://www.facebook.com/OgleCountyMentalHealth708Board>

Agencies have been emailed a schedule to post to the Facebook page to keep it active and updated. Justine requested confirmation from agencies who the admin will be for each.

708 Website Page (Judy Tatlock) – Status

Judy sent the link for the website that has been started through the Ogle County Board's website. She asked that people review what is there and provide input on what they should post moving forward.

One-Year Plan – Visiting Lion's Club (Renee) – Follow up – Renee has touched base with the Lion's Club and they are working out a time for her to go.

Human Service Directory – Review/Approve – Justine emailed the current listing to everyone for review and updates as necessary. No one had corrections so it will run as is.

Human Service Directory: Review and Approve

Renee Barnhart moved to approve the Human Service Directory as submitted.

Marcy Haushahn seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Brochure – Review – Justine removed the email contacts for all the individual board members and listed only the OCCMH708BD@gmail.com as the contact. We do still have lots that

are already printed to be distributed. They are always some available on the stairs at Spectrum to keep some on hand to distribute as needed.

For the next run it was discussed to make the brochure more inviting as well as include the Facebook link and website. That will give more information and direction for contacts. Including mental health questions that would steer them to the right agencies.

Board Members terms ending email reminder and CC: June Jacobs – Amy and Judy both have terms ending 12/31/23. June Jacobs forwarded them the information to submit to the OCB to retain their positions and they will be voted on at the 11/21 meeting.

New Business - Discussion and Possible Action:

Calendar – Set – The 5/16 or 5/23 dates are highlighted because of the amount of time noted to review the agencies presentations. There was discussion at the last hearings that 2 weeks was not enough time. The 11/6 date is red because Justine has to find out when her Trek falls so that she can schedule accordingly.

Budget – Balance for year end –

Fiscal Year End Budget: Approve

Joe Simms moved to approve the Fiscal Year End Budget as submitted.

Renee Barnhart seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

708 Analyses – The amounts listed on the sheet are going to the OCB for approval on 11/21.

Letter to agencies – new monthly payment (OCB votes in November meeting) – When the 708 Budget is approved letters will go out to the agencies for their monthly allotments.

Liaison Report:

Joe Simms – Ogle County Board Liaison – The HEW committee has approved what the 708 requested for the Fiscal Year Budget of 23-24.

Ogle County Cares Coalition – (Meetings fall on the first Monday of the month at 1 PM held virtually and at the annex building in Rochelle. Kim Crump is the contact at KimCrump@sinnissippi.com) – Judy is trying to attend some of the meetings. Justine has been trying to get the minutes and forward them on to the board so people can have an idea of what has been happening. Dorothy stated that she might be attending some meetings moving forward.

Agency Reports

Newspaper Article

November – Serenity

Village of Progress – Brion Brooks (Not Present)

Easterseals – Christi Star

Started the *Special Needs Mom's Book Club* on October 10th. It was very successful and they are excited to continue with it. The meeting was scheduled for one-hour but ran for almost two and half hours as the twelve moms that attended continued to discuss the book. They are currently reading a New York Best Sellers book "The Housemaid" to be discussed at the December 12th gathering that will also include a cookie exchange.

The Oregon Public Library planned to host a parent training session with Family Matters but unfortunately it was cancelled for lack of participation. They are going to try and reschedule it for this coming spring.

Hosted a virtual training on PUNS with Service Inc of Illinois on October 24th that was attended by 21 people. They are planning to do another training session in February. They are also looking to do an ABE training session during this winter.

One of the respite providers will be going back to school at the first of the year so she will no longer be available. They are currently looking for someone to fill the position.

HOPE of Ogle County – Ruth Carter

The 40-year celebration held on Thursday; October 19th at SALT 251 in Rochelle was a huge success with over 100 attendees. Ranging from past to current supporters as well as past to current staff and board members. It was an honor to recognize the staff and board members that have helped HOPE thrive since it came to fruition.

New hire Esdras Castillo will fill the position of Latinx Outreach Counselor. He currently is taking the 40-hour training requirement to be able to work with clients. He has experience through Focus House and they are excited to have him on the team.

The *Adopt a Family* program is gearing up for the season. Bailey and Marissa are the contacts for anyone interested in helping to provide items that kids might need and want for the holidays.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Chris Mills

It has been an exciting month at LSSI as two out of the three programs that the 708 Board funds will be expanding. *CCBYS* will be adding another staff member and focusing on *Delinquency Diversion*. They will continue the outreach to probation departments, school resource officers, truancy officers and the people that are connected to youth.

Project Lead got some exciting news and added Whiteside and Carroll for the *Two Good for Drugs* program for 4th and 5th graders. The Ogle County program is focusing on "My Generation RX" presentations that stresses the importance of safe and responsible use of prescription medications. It focuses on alternatives to mind altering drug use to help cope with the demands of stressful life situations. The county was chosen specifically allowing them to go into the schools as well as other youth audiences. It can be used as a supplement for the *Two Good for Drugs* program or in addition to.

Youth Works is continuing to teach the *Two Good for Violence* curriculum at Aplington Middle School in Polo. October they are covering the topic of *conflict resolution and respect*. An Anti-Bullying campaign was done called *Boo to Bullying*.

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling – Erica Engler

Had their *Dispelling the Darkness* candlelight vigil at the Star Light Theater that grew in attendance again this year with over 100 people. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9y-JG1zd_cg)

Michelle is doing really well and is back in the schools and having meetings with clients.

They are very much in need of volunteers. With the flu and covid season ramping up it is a hard ask for volunteers to go in to hospitals, making it difficult to find people.

Serenity Hospice and Home – Kathy Groenhagen

The new medical director, Dr Joe Plescia, steps into position today. Dr Appenheimer is retiring at the end of the year and they will be having a celebration for him at the end of January.

The Ambassador group met in October. Starting with 30 individuals, then declined a bit but is now ramping back up in numbers.

Volunteers have agreed to take over the virtual reality program. They are getting them trained to go out with caregivers into patient's homes. All of the innovative therapies have increased with the grants that they have received. Angel Treasures III is also becoming a tremendous asset in funding as well. The Angel Treasures II in Winnebago has a new location at 102 North Elida Street that is much larger to accommodate more treasures.

Shining Star – Jessica Cash (Not Present)

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. – Stacie Kemp

They have hired three new clinicians for the Rochelle office and have finished the construction. They are in the process of expanding the parking lot and working on the sensory room. The Oregon office is accepting referrals for the *Youth Community Support Team*, covering intensive community-based services.

CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic) has acquired a couple of federal grants through SAMHSA allowing them to work towards the goal of becoming CCBHC compliant. The future sustainability is that each state has a certification process. Once the agency has been certified they get federal funding to match the state funding. Sinnissippi has been selected to be written into the Demonstration Application for the IL HSF grants.

Public Comment:

Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery – Gerald Lott

Daniel Stewart has left SVVoR so Gerald will be the representative for the time being as well as running the ROSC Council.

He attended the Springfield meeting for the ROSC State meeting and learned that they want to open the ROSC Council to more co-occurring mental health issues along with substance abuse disorders

and possibly gambling issues. Hoping that the benefits will allow to work closer with other agencies.

The Rochelle office is up and running and they are scaling back from the thought of it being a drop-in center that they can triage people and are currently only taking appointments because of the current staffing issues. They are hoping to be a host for more support groups moving forward.

The *Recover-Con* conference went extremely well. Hoping to utilize the same location next year.

They continue to try and engage people in ideas for sober living. The last *Sober Night Out* they took 45 people to a haunted house. Those events are proving to be an opportunity to mind date by completing small surveys but also a good way to provide goody bags with beneficial information for additional resources for a healthier lifestyle. The 708 Brochures would be useful for the handouts.

Upcoming Meetings

December 7 – Sinnissippi (Rochelle)

January – No Meeting

HEW – November 14, 3:00 PM (*2nd Tuesday of the month*)

County Board – November 21, 5:30 PM (*3rd Tuesday of the month*)

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2023, 7:30 AM.

In person: Sinnissippi
1321 N. 7th Street, Rochelle, IL
Zoom: Meeting ID: 394-790-2090
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One Tap Mobile: 1-312-626-6799

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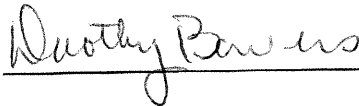
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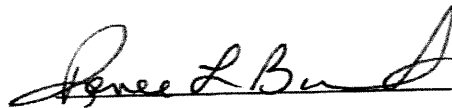
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Approved: December 7, 2023



Dorothy Bowers, President



Renee Barnhart, Secretary/Treasurer