



OGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (708) BOARD

MINUTES OF THE April 4, 2024 Meeting

On April 4, 2024 Dorothy Bowers called a meeting of the 708 Board to order at 7:30 a.m. at Ogle County Sherriff's Office Training Room, 202 South First Street, Oregon, IL 61061 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 Sherriff's Office. Dorothy Bowers presided.

The secretary called the roll:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dorothy Bowers - *708 President (Zoom)*
Renee L. Barnhart - *708 Secretary and Treasurer (Zoom)*
Cindy Bergstrom (*Zoom*)
Marcella Haushahn (*Zoom*)
Amy Zbinden Henkel (*Zoom*)

ABSENT:

Kathe Wilson - *708 Vice-President*
Jenae Bothe
Joseph Simms
Judy Tatlock

OTHERS PRESENT:

Easterseals - represented by and Christi Star
HOPE - represented by Ruth Carter
Kreider Services – represented by Laura Watters
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois - represented by Chris Mills
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc. – represented by Michelle Pauley
Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery - represented by Gerald Lott
Serenity - represented by Lynn Knodle
Shining Star – represented by Jessica Cash
Sinnissippi Center's Inc. - represented by DeAnne White
Village of Progress – represented by Brion Brooks

The Chair announced that we have a quorum.

Proposed Agenda May- Approve

Renee Barnhart moved to accept the agenda as presented.

Marcy Haushahn seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: April - Review and Approve

Renee Barnhart moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented.
Marcy Haushahn seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Vouchers: May, June and July - Review and Approve

Marcy Haushahn moved to approve the vouchers as submitted.
Renee Barnhart seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: May, June and July – Review and Approve

Renee Barnhart moved to approve the financial reports as presented.
Amy Zbinden Henkel seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Officer's Report:

President - Dorothy Bowers – Nothing to report

Vice President - Kathleen Wilson no longer a board member – Nothing reported.

Unfinished Business – Discussion and Possible Action:

708 Facebook Page Committee (Judy Tatlock) – Status

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

Judy messaged Renee and stated she would be sending some notes about updates.

708 Website Page (Judy Tatlock) – Status

https://www.oglecountyil.gov/residents/health/mental_health_708_board/index.php

Judy is working on.

One-Year Plan – Visiting Lion's Club (Renee) – Follow up – Renee has a scheduled time to present at the Lion's Club next week.

Funding Application – Brick and Mortar – follow-up (Cindy) – Applications will be available for pick up at Spectrum and I will notify all when ready. Cindy is waiting for feed back on what she has submitted.

Public Education Training – Dylan Brown had contacted Justine regarding volunteer hours and I mentioned to him this might be a good start and asked him to join the meeting to share with us a bit about him but, he is not present.

Statements of Economic Interest – They have been mailed and members should have them by the end of the week. If not reach out as there is a late fee if not turned in by May 1.

Court Reporter – Confirmed – Yes

possesses counseling experience. She has brought new life to The Serenity Shed and is bringing in new volunteers as a result.

A new six-week bereavement class was started yesterday. As a result of being the only hospice in the area that services pediatric patients, Serenity has a specific group for grieving mothers. The group decided it would be nice to have a retreat so they will be hosting one in two weeks at LOMC. They have plans for two more groups and will be bringing back the walking and movie night groups.

Serenity received a check from the Oregon Rotary Foundation that hosted the Angel Ball for \$13,000. They are gearing up for their fundraising season to be kicked off with the Art Dash on April 10th and followed with the Garden Luncheon in May and then the golf outing in June.

Shining Star – Jessica Cash

April is child abuse awareness month so they will be doing the *Hands Around the Courthouse* event at the Lee County courthouse on April 19th to raise awareness. Judge Ackards and Sheriff Whalen will speak about the abuse in the community.

A conference will be held in April for any professional that investigate child abuse. Andrea Zeperas will be coming from New York and touching on Pediatric Aquatic Abuse.

Tomorrow is the *National Wear Blue* for Child Abuse Awareness Day.

The annual *Jail and Bail* fundraiser was started this week and they have 18 people that will spend time in lock up to try and raise funds for bail to support Shining Star.

Brandon Schafer started last week as the new forensic interviewer. He was previously working in the sexual assault department and brings plenty of expertise and knowledge with him.

HOPE of Ogle County – Ruth Carter

HOPE is working on the 10th Annual Cinco K that will be held at the Rochelle Presbyterian Church on May 4th at 1 PM. Registration begins at noon. April 17th is the last day to register to guarantee a T-shirt. Details can be found on the HOPE of Ogle County website and their Facebook page.

Marissa Foss the training and resource manager recently stepped down in the pursuit of new opportunity with the Oregon School District and they are not seeking replacement as funding cuts do not allow. They are seeking an adult and child counselor and that full-time position will be posted on Indeed.

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. – DeAnne White

They recently submitted an application to the state for the use of ARPA funds in opening the new Byron location. They will be notified by May 1st if they receive it. With 14 staff members they are hoping to service over 750 Byron clients that are currently using the Oregon and Rochelle locations.

The sensory room in Rochelle has gotten some publicity with it accommodating both child and adult patients.

Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery – Gerald Lott

They have four weekly groups at the Rochelle location and now have office hours Monday through Friday 8 AM to 5 PM. They picked up the intake and are averaging 22 people a month that are being referred to them through hospitals, police departments and personal mentions. (January, they serviced 4 people from Ogle County, February-2 and March-9.) Heather Tomilson (ROSC Coordinator) has been reaching out to multiple agencies throughout the community to explain their services. They participated in a prevention program at the Byron High School, speaking with students. ROSC is doing feasibility studies on three initiatives, including a Recovery Farm (a cross between a sober living facility and a training farm), a text line that is similar to the IL Warm Line for teens (Noting that they do not like to talk on the phone.), and NIU's Collegiate Recovery Community (to try and remove the stigma of asking for help on campus).

They have begun the *One Box Distribution* for Narcan. This includes a video walk thru and a one-time use of Narcan that they are giving to agencies. Several agencies have called and asked how to purchase for themselves.

A parent event will be held May 30th 2-4 PM at the Rochelle location in the May Mart Plaza in conjunction with LSSI's *Hidden in Plain Sight* that will be open to the public.

Gerald will forward the recently completed community needs assessment to Justine. It is a four- and two- county survey that they have to turn into the state for ROSC.

Village of Progress – Brion Brooks

Oregon Parks Department held an awards ceremony for the VOP consumers that attend the Park District during the winter months to play games. OPD arranged for a representative from the Rockford Ice Hogs to talk and that was well received. Work groups are sent to the BMO Arena to stock the souvenir stores weekly for the Ice Hogs, developing a good relationship, making the moment more memorable.

Brion attended a three-week grant writing workshop in March, anticipating the writing of grant proposals for the Mount Morris Housing Project, if approved this month.

VOP received \$13,000 from the Angel Ball, hosted by the Rotary Foundation. The Bike Club is ready for warm weather and to launch it's first outing of the year.

Donna Madison, the Program Director, will be retiring March 2025, after 54 years of service.

Easterseals – Christi Star

They are busy planning for their Mom's Retreat. The venue they had initially contracted with became unavailable to unforeseen circumstances but they are trying to secure a different location just outside of Galena with 300 acres that will permit them to accommodate 7 to 10 more people than the original 35. This will also allow all moms to stay at one location.

They are working with the Epilepsy Advocacy Program for a 3-day/2-night summer camp in June for children. Registration is now open.

She is working with Laura from Kreider to host a summer camp (half day program) at Nash for children with disabilities.

Christi will send flyers to Justine.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Chris Mills

They are preparing for the end of the school year and finishing up their prevention programs. Confirming that they are presenting them with the skills that they need. Summertime is when they get creative and brainstorm for upcoming projects. This summer they are planning to revamp the *Hidden in Plain Sight* exhibit. They are also considering adding another exhibit so that they have one for parents and then an additional one that will be geared towards school staff and professionals. Finding that parents are seeking different information out of the experience than professionals and school staff

CCBYS was awarded an expansion to serve more at-risk youth for delinquency. Their efforts have been in outreach to their referral services that they are able to increase their caseloads. They are seeing a large uptick in crisis with youth in police departments with no parent for pickup. Crisis situations take a lot of time and energy and are on-going 24/7 keeping their staff very busy.

State grants are due at this time of year keeping Chris busy.

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling – Michelle Pauley

April is Sexual Assault awareness month so they ramp up their outreach into the community at this time. They are partnering up with Jessica from Shining Star to do a *Responding to Disclosure* presentation on April 25th from 1-3 PM at the Rock River Center. Jessica will cover the child response and Michelle will cover the adult portion. This will be open to the public.

Michelle is continuing the professional training for the *Window of Tolerance* program at Rochelle Sinnissippi location. She is scheduled for April, May and June. She will also present a 3-hour play therapy training program that she did during the statewide coalition child therapy training that she did in the sensory room.

April 24th is *Denim Day*. People can support Sexual Assault Awareness by sporting jeans. More information is available on the website denimday.org.

Brion Brooks mentioned that she should reach out to church leaders about her training program on disclosure.

Public Comment:

Laura Watters - Kreider is working with Christi Star on their summer camp for individuals with disabilities the first weekend in June.

April is Autism Awareness month and they are going to do a comedy night at Dixon Theater on April 25th, 7 PM. Michael McCreary is an autistic comedian, actor, author and TEDx speaker that

has been performing stand-up comedy since he was 13. He will also be doing a book signing at Books on First from 3:45 to 4:30. Tickets are \$5. Laura will email Justine flyers.

Had the Annual Gala the first Friday in March. Including a silent and live auction, dancing and music. They co-host a 5K with HOPE. If people do the May 18th (Brain Health), June 15th (Florissa) and July 13th (NAMI Sauk Area) events they will get a special HOPE series hoodie in commemoration. They have a golf outing in July.

Had a very successful Autism Family Camp in February. A Florissa psychologist did training for the parents. Christi and Rose from Starnet did a sibling group. Laura and LOMC staff did activities with the individuals that have Autism, including swimming at Nash, had inside campfires and made s'mores. This activity is a good bonding event for families.

A *Mom's Morning Out* was held at Nash on March 9th that included a yoga social

Dylan Brown – Volunteer – Not Present

Upcoming Meetings

May 2 – Location Ogle County Sheriff's Office
May 23 – Location Ogle County Sheriff's Office
June – No Meeting
July – No Meeting
August – Location Ogle County Sheriff's Office

HEW – April 9, 3:00 PM (*2nd Tuesday of the month*)
County Board – April 16, 5:30 PM (*3rd Tuesday of the month*)

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7:30 AM.

In person: Ogle County Sherriff's Office Training Room
202 South First Street
Oregon, IL 61061
Zoom: Meeting ID: 394-790-2090
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One Tap Mobile: 1-312-626-6799

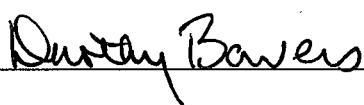
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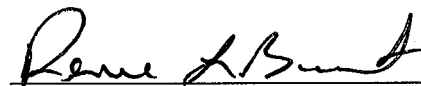
Respectfully submitted,
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Approved: May 2, 2024



Dorothy Bowers, President



Renee Barnhart, Secretary/Treasurer