

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, May 7, 2007**

**Brookens Administrative Center, Lyle Shields Meeting Room  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson (Chair), Gladney, Hogue, Hunt, James, Putman, Sapp

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carter, Tapley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kat Bork (Recording Secretary), Andrew Buffenbarger (Nursing Home Administrator), Deb Busey (County Administrator of Finance & HR Management), Bill Keller (EMA Director), Michael Richards (County Board Member), Peter Tracy (Director of Mental Health), C. Pius Weibel (County Board Chair), Marilyn Garmon-Starks (C-U Area Project)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Anderson, Gladney, Hogue, Hunt, James, Putman, and Sapp were present at the time of the roll call. Anderson declared a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by James to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Hunt. **Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Putman to approve the Justice & Social Services Committee regular session minutes of April 2, 2007; seconded by Hogue. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Putman to receive and place on file the Animal Control March 2007 report, Circuit Clerk February 2007 and March 2007 reports, and the Public Defender March 2007 report; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

**HEAD START**  
**Monthly Report**

Anderson stated she had received a call from Kathleen Liffick informing her that she would be unable to attend the meeting. Liffick suggested the committee members contact Rebecca Brown if they had any questions about the report.

**MOTION** by James to receive and place on file the Head Start April 2007 report; seconded by Hogue.  
**Motion carried.**

**NURSING HOME**  
**Monthly Report**

Buffenbarger distributed a correct version of his report to the committee because the version in the agenda packet contained a typo.

**MOTION** by Hunt to receive and place on file the Nursing Home April 2007 report; seconded by James.

Gladney asked about the Nursing Home being approached by the Veterans Administration. Buffenbarger said he would meet with the Veterans Administration next week. The VA currently contracts with the Nursing Home for adult daycare services and, after touring the Nursing Home, they are interested in talking about a contract for long-term care services. The VA will bring in auditors to see if the Nursing Home meets their standards. This would be similar to an HMO arrangement. Gladney was supportive of this idea. He asked about the change in pharmacy services. Buffenbarger explained the Nursing Home's current pharmacy provider has been in place for a number of years. He would like to issue an RFP to see if they can get a better rate on pharmaceuticals. As a condition of participating in the Medicaid program, the Nursing Home is responsible for buying the medications for a lot of the residents. Pharmaceuticals are one of the Nursing Home's biggest expenses. Gladney was happy to see these steps being taken.

Putman asked about increasing the therapy services. Buffenbarger stated the contract therapy company realized the need for services was probably greater than what they were providing. The company has hired more staff to provide additional coverage. Therapy services were being provided 5 days/week and they are now being providing 7 days/week.

**Motion carried.**

**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANTS**  
**Status Report from Peter Tracy & Marilyn Garmon-Starks**

The report was available in the agenda packet.

**Decision Memorandum for FY2008 Juvenile Delinquency Grants Allocation**

Tracy stated the funding allocations for the coming contract year have been completed. The decisions that were made reflect the input of Connie Kaiser and Joe Gordon, who have been regular participants at administrative meetings of the grant programs' operations. All programs must participate in the system of care project, entitled Project ACCESS, which expands the range of possibilities available to the offenders leaving the Juvenile Detention Center. It also allows Mental Health to keep better track of offenders and recidivism. The Mental Health Board provided an additional \$107,515 for grants this year. The Quarter Cent for Public Safety Sales Tax raised \$211,000 for the grants, so the total grant budget was \$319,000. Tracy mentioned the Peer Ambassadors, a part of Mental Health's delinquency prevention strategy, went to a state-wide juvenile justice conference in Chicago and have been to the Juvenile Detention Center to participate in focus groups talking about helpful methods to keep juveniles out of the JDC. Garmon-Starks was one of the chaperons on the Chicago trip. Tracy described the tiers of funding

and the funding recommendations. The Mental Health Board's money is funding grants for A Woman's Fund to work with station adjusted juveniles in Rantoul and the Mental Health Center's juvenile justice care program. Tracy noted A Woman's Fund Rantoul is a new program that was highly recommended by the State's Attorney.

Weibel inquired about A Woman's Fund Rantoul. Tracy explained A Woman's Fund is based in Champaign and now works in Rantoul. The position in Rantoul is a woman who is working with police department doing social work related to domestic violence issues. She has a background in juvenile justice.

Gladney asked about the notation that it is possible that downstate dollars will be shifted to Chicago area providers, which he found alarming. Tracy said the Illinois Department of Human Services is in the process of doing an RFP for an administrative services organization. The intent is to use managed care technology to approve who is served in community mental health centers using state money. For example, the Mental Health Center of Champaign County will have to get preauthorization to see a client to access the state funds. The concern is that some of the agencies are not billing up to the Medicaid threshold requirement necessary to receive the full grant from the state. It is very possible that money may be moved from downstate areas to Chicago where more clients are being referred.

**MOTION** by Hunt to receive and place on file the Status Report from Peter Tracy & Marilyn Garmon-Starks and the Decisions Memorandum for FY2008 Juvenile Delinquency Grants Allocation; seconded by Putman.  
**Motion carried.**

The committee continued to discuss the programs and their funding. Garmon-Starks stated she can see a tremendous difference in the facilitation of the Quarter Cent for Public Safety Tax money since it has been integrated into the system of care for youth in the County. It is more seamless since the Mental Health Board became involved.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

#### **Presentation and Update on County-Wide Emergency Preparedness**

The County's emergency plan was provided for the committee. Keller made a Power Point presentation on the natural and manmade hazards that might affect the County. Keller stated EMA has plans with other public safety agencies for almost all types of disasters that might affect Champaign County. Keller spoke about the changes that have occurred since 1995, the 2005 plans for biological detection, surge facilities if hospitals are overloaded in an emergency for up to 500 people, strategist national stockpile of pharmaceutical supplies, and evacuee reception centers. Keller said they scrambled after Hurricane Katrina to take in refugees, who were treated well. Keller spoke about the pandemic flu and further NIMS training in 2006. He offered to answer any questions from the committee.

James said he worries about smaller communities not having emergency plans. He asked if Keller was in charge of making sure these communities have plans. Keller said the most of the communities have their own emergency plans. EMA assists them as requested in their emergency planning efforts, but it has no authority or mandate to create plans for them. Rantoul does have an evacuation and emergency plan. It depends on the buy-in from local elected officials and the support they give to local emergency management. EMA emphasizes personal planning through public information to protect people. EMA is there to support the smaller communities, just as the State is there to support the County, but the County EMA has no authority over the villages. Hunt asked about the areas outside of the villages. Keller said that goes back to individual protection plans.

James asked where he should go in Champaign-Urbana if a tornado hit. Keller explained there are no public shelters. James found this worrisome. Keller observed that most businesses, stores, and public buildings have emergency plans for tornadoes. These businesses cannot be forced to make a plan, but most already have one. For example, Farm & Fleet has an excellent emergency plan, but the store cannot force an individual who insists on getting in his car and driving home to stay safely inside the store. James would like to see designated public shelters and stockpiles of food to prevent looters if Rantoul is half destroyed by a tornado. Keller explained there

are designated shelters in Rantoul and that have shelter agreements with the Red Cross. The Red Cross can usually bring in services within 4-6 hours. Keller stated there are designated locations in virtually every village in the County that can be opened for shelters. He cannot tell which shelter will be opened in advance because it depends on what is still standing after a tornado or similar disaster hits. They do have plans in place on how to get information out to the public when this occurs.

Sapp, who is in the emergency operations field, spoke about the reality of response time. It is about coordination and once a disaster hits, there is only so much an agency can do. The government cannot come immediately after a disaster because they cannot always get through the streets if there is significant damage. Agencies work to educate the public to care for themselves. Further discussion was held over emergency plans and public education on these issues. Sapp encouraged County Board members to have Awareness Days in communities with the participation of fire departments, ambulances, and other emergency services. Keller stated his agency does as many presentations as possible, but people have to be receptive to listening. Keller stated that during an emergency, no one looks at the plan; they look at the resource books because that is what they need. Keller knows how to get a hold of resources 24/7. The committee continued to discuss disaster preparedness.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### **Decision Regarding Cancellation of July Committee Meetings**

The committee agreed to cancel its July meetings unless some major business arose that necessitated a meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Children and Family Services of the State of Illinois and Champaign County**

**MOTION** by Putman to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Children and Family Services of the State of Illinois and Champaign County; seconded by James.

James asked if the County's legal counsel reviewed the agreement. Busey explained it is the same type of contract that is approved each year. The State is now requiring that final agreement be turned around in 24 hours. To meet that deadline, the State's Attorney is asking for the Board's approval this month. Legal counsel will review the final agreement.

**Motion carried.**

### **DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

Anderson designated item XII A from the addendum for the consent agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork  
Recording Secretary

*Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*