

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 6, 2006

Meeting Rm. 1, Brookens Administrative Center

1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Carter, Greenwalt, James, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hogue

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Busey (County Administrator), Andrew Buffenbarger (Nursing Home Administrator), Joel Fletcher (Office of the State's Attorney), Peter Tracy (Executive Director of Mental Health), Barbara Wysocki (County Board Chair), Marilyn Garmon (C-U Area Project)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Anderson, Carter, Greenwalt, James, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, and Tapley were present at the time of the roll call. Anderson noted Hogue had informed her she would be unable to attend the meeting. Anderson declared a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Putman to approve the agenda; seconded by James. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Carter to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006 and February 6, 2006; seconded by James.

Anderson requested that both sets of minutes include Hogue's name in the list of members present at the beginning of the minutes. Putman stated she would not vote on the motion because she did not attend the January meeting.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no one for public participation.

MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION by Carter to receive and place on file the Animal Control January 2006 report, Children's Advocacy Center January 26, 2006 minutes, Circuit Clerk January 2006 report, Coroner October 2005 report, Court Services December 2005 report, Emergency Management Agency February 2006 report, Mental Health Board January 3, 2006 minutes, Mental Health Board & Developmental Disabilities Board COW January 18, 2006 minutes, and the Public Defender January 2006 report; seconded by Tapley.

Busey stated the EMA monthly report included a request for action, which was not included on the agenda, regarding grant money that must be spent by March 31st. This item will be included on an addendum to Thursday's Finance Committee agenda because the request will require a budget amendment. Sapp stated he spoke with Bill Keller and he thinks the grant is excellent for the County.

Motion carried.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANT MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION by Sapp to receive and place on file the Best Interest of Children January 2006 report, CASA January 2006 report, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club January 2006 report & 2004/2005 Audit, Mental Health Center January 2006 report, and the Regional Planning Commission January 2006 report; seconded by Tapley. Motion carried.

HEAD START **Monthly Report**

MOTION by Putman to receive and place on file the Head Start monthly report; seconded by James. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Request Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impoundment Services with the Village of Broadlands

MOTION by Putman to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impoundment Services with the Village of Broadlands; seconded by Greenwalt.

Putman asked for the number of outstanding agreements between Champaign County Animal Control and villages. Stephanie Joos was not present to answer and Busey was not certain if any more agreements were being negotiated. Any village in the County can request an agreement.

Motion carried.

Request Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the Village of Broadlands

MOTION by Greenwalt to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the Village of Broadlands; seconded by Carter. Motion carried.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Request Approval Application for and, if awarded, Renewal of Illinois Attorney General Violent Crime Victims Assistance Grant

MOTION by Putman to approve the application for and, if awarded, renewal of Illinois Attorney General Violent Crime Victims Assistance Grant; seconded by James. Motion carried.

Request Approval Application for and, if awarded, Acceptance of National Children's Alliance Equipment Grant

MOTION by Sapp to approve the application for and, if awarded, acceptance of National Children's Alliance Equipment Grant; seconded by Carter.

James asked if this application had been submitted. Anderson noted the application documents in the agenda packet contained a submission date. Busey explained the committee could vote to refuse a grant that is awarded.

Motion carried.

NURSING HOME
Monthly Report

MOTION by Greenwalt to receive and place on file the Nursing Home monthly report; seconded by Putman. Motion carried.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANTS
Site Visits Report from Marilyn Garmon

Garmon stated the first page of her report is simply a list of the evaluation teams. She included a list of the percentage of timely monthly report submissions and a month-by-month breakdown for each agency receiving a grant. Garmon reviewed the discussion point synopsis for the committee with the positive points for each agency. A detailed evaluation team report for each agency was included in the agenda packet.

Carter asked about the grant on page 52 in the agenda packet and the equipment at the center. Anderson explained that Garmon's report began on page 61 so Carter was looking at the grant application for the National Children's Alliance Equipment Grant from the Children's Advocacy Center. Carter said he would just have to go to the center and make an evaluation for himself. Anderson said that Carter was looking at the grant application for the Children's Advocacy Center, which is not funded at all by the Juvenile Delinquency Grants. Putman asked to address Carter's questions about the National Children's Alliance Equipment Grant after the committee finished discussing Garmon's report. The Chair agreed.

Anderson asked about the section of Garmon's report that records the timeliness of the monthly report submissions. She wanted to know if the agency that submitted only 28% of its monthly reports on time had submitted all the necessary reports. Garmon stated that agency was Restoration Urban Ministries and some reports have still not been received. Garmon answered questions about staffing. James recommended that agencies who have repeatedly submitted late reports be notified that they will not be highly considered if they reapply for next year's grant funding. Greenwalt asked if Restoration Urbana Ministries staffing changes have settled. Garmon said she had a meeting with the current director of the Restoration Urban Ministries program to inform him about how to produce the necessary budget reports and narratives. Since the meeting, the monthly reports have been late sometimes. The most recent report was sent to Peter Tracy at the Mental Health Board instead of to Kat Bork in Administrative Services.

Schroeder asked Garmon to elaborate about Best Interest of Children. Best Interest of Children has a goal of twenty open cases and they only have nine open cases. Garmon was told the program had a lot of trouble at the beginning of the year in getting referrals from schools. Garmon noted Best Interest of Children only serves about twenty children per year in open cases; therefore, they are about at the half way point for the year.

Carter asked how many youth are in the Juvenile Detention Center. Busey thought the average daily population ranges from about fourteen to twenty-one. The exact statistics can be found in the Court Services monthly report that the Justice & Social Services Committee receives every month from the department. It is available on the department's web page or in the reports binder that is at the meeting.

Putman asked about the notation under the Regional Planning Commission's site visit that stated the program is doing an exceptional job and could use more funding. Garmon said the program has one staff person who does an exceptional job and works with over 100 youth a year. RPC's program has a well-proven recidivism rate that is lower than other programs. In Garmon's opinion, if more funding was provided to RPC a decrease to the recidivism rate would result. Garmon will compile the information she received through the site visits and send a copy to Peter Tracy.

Anderson asked if Tracy had any comments on the application process for next year's grant funding. Tracy passed out a report. Tracy stated the applications for next year's grant funding were due on February 15, 2006. Nine applications were received with an aggregate request of \$666,817. The RPC Court Diversion Service program has applied for continued funding and is requesting an increase to their current funding level. Restoration Urban Ministries had not submitted an application. The applications are currently being reviewed. Regarding late monthly reports, Tracy explained the next year's grants will be using the Mental Health Board's contract format, which specifically states payment is on a month-to-month basis. If reports are late, the Mental Health Board has the capacity to withhold payment. Paul Dollins, former Chief of Police in Rantoul, was hired to obtain a law enforcement perspective on the applications. The Mental Health Board will receive summaries of all of the applications. A decision will be made at the May Mental Health Board meeting.

James asked if Dollins was being paid a fee. Tracy answered yes; the cost of Dollins's fee is being paid by Tracy out of the Mental Health Board administrative budget. The Juvenile Delinquency Grant money is not paying the fee. Tracy reminded the committee that there is no administrative fee associated with the Mental Health Board administering the Juvenile Delinquency Grants. The Mental Health Board felt it was a good opportunity to look at ways to coordinate County dollars to have a more integrated approach to juvenile justice services.

Carter asked about the Mahomet Area Youth Club, one of the applicants for grant funding. Tracy explained it is an organization that was formerly a part of the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club that is now an independent youth club. Carter asked if that money was coming out of the Quarter Center Funding. Tracy explained the Mahomet Area Youth Club has applied for a grant; they are not currently funded by a grant. Anderson said the Mahomet Area Youth Club also applied for grant funding last year and was not selected. Carter said he wanted funding to go to the Juvenile Detention Center, not to youth clubs. Greenwalt stated the Mahomet Area Youth Club is a very active place that might have a program that fits the anti-recidivism goal for the Juvenile Delinquency Grants; it depends on the application they submitted. Sapp commented that there are areas in the County outside of the Champaign-Urbana area that need assistance for juveniles to keep them out of trouble. The committee discussed the grant possibilities.

MOTION by Tapley to receive and place on file the site visits report; seconded by Greenwalt. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wysocki reminded the committee that all County Board members received invitations to the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities Conference about mental health courts. The conference

will be held in Springfield on March 29th & 30th. Tracy encouraged Board members to attend and discussed the speaker.

Fletcher noted the committee agreed to return to Carter's concerns about the Children's Advocacy Center's National Children's Alliance Equipment Grant. Anderson asked if Carter had a question. Carter said he decided to let it go for now and would do a little service himself.

DETERMINATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson designated agenda items IX A & B and X A & B for the consent agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Administrative 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.