

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 20, 2004**

**Board Members Present:** Norm Gilbert, Regina Parker, Jeanette Vaupel, Maureen Russell, Bob Krogman,, Julia Fullerton, Opal Zitka

**Board Members Absent:** Doug Fraley and Mary Petruchius

**Other Persons Present:** Staff: Jerry Lane and Sue Halbrader

The Community Mental Health Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Bob Krogman.

**AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Fullerton.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**MINUTES**

**MRS. RUSSELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER MINUTES, AS CORRECTED, SECONDED BY MRS. ZITKA. ON A VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Lane distributed a copy of SB520: Rental Housing Support Program. The bill is intended to deal with the lack of affordable housing in Illinois, including rental property. Since the benchmark for affordable rent is 30% of one's income, for someone earning minimum wage that amount would be \$268 per month in either mortgage payments or rent. This amount is far below the fair market rent for a one-bedroom apartment in *every* area of the state.
- Mr. Lane distributed the County Board committee assignments to Board members.
- Mrs. Zitka said a new magazine called "bp" is being published for people with bipolar disorder. The magazine is scheduled to come out quarterly. Subscriptions are \$19.95 per year; call 888-834-5537.

**FINANCE REPORTS**

**MRS. PARKER MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENCY CLAIMS AS SUBMITTED; SECONDED BY MRS. FULLERTON. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MRS. PARKER MOVED APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE CLAIMS AS SUBMITTED; SECONDED BY MRS. ZITKA. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **COMMUNITY INPUT**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The discussion of the Executive search process was tabled to Executive Session.

Mr. John Ryan, the lobbyist for the State Association, was invited to speak to Board members at their Spring Retreat, but will be unable to attend. An associate in his organization, Terry Stexo, may be available at a later date, if Board members wish to invite him to discuss legislation issues.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Halbrader distributed a written report on the ACHMHAI quarterly meeting which she attended December 6, and presented information on the state of substance abuse, juvenile justice and mental health issues from the CBHA Winter Conference.

The state of fee-for-service in Illinois was updated for Board members. Open Door and Opportunity House are receiving Medicaid reimbursement, as is Ben Gordon Center.

The Special Projects Request for Youth Service Bureau's expansion and remodeling was considered by the Board.

**MRS. RUSSELL MOVED APPROVAL OF UP TO \$917 TO YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU FOR THE REMODELING PROJECT SECONDED BY MR. GILBERT. ON A VOICE VOTE THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MRS. RUSSELL MOVED TO FUND THE STAFF EXPANSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, TO BE CONSIDERED AGAIN AT THE TIME OF GRANT HEARINGS, SECOND BY MRS. PARKER. ON A VOICE VOTE THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MRS. FULLERTON MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY MR.**

**GILBERT.**

**MR. GILBERT MOVED TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY MRS. ZITKA.**

**MS. FULLERTON MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY MRS. RUSSELL. ALL IN FAVOR. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.**

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Secretary/Treasurer