

## 708 Community Mental Health Board

May 5, 2022 ZOOM Meeting

Present: Liz Holmberg, Robyn Vickers, Rhonda Stibbe, Nancy Patush, Cathi Mundsinger

Absent: Jon Conover, Sandy Pastore

Meeting was called to order by President Holmberg at 5:00pm.

President Holmberg reviewed and summarized the minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting. The minutes were corrected to indicate Jon was not in attendance. Mundsinger moved that the corrected minutes be approved. Vickers seconded. Passed.

The MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITIES (405 ILCS 220/) Community Mental Health Act was discussed.

- Mundsinger summarized the topic of each section of the act
- Holmberg provided historical background
- An annual plan and a three-year plan are to be made/reviewed each year. The 708 Board will meet in June 2022 to create the FY23 plans

Holmberg asked if the Mental Health needs of the Kendall County community were being met. The 708 board identified unmet needs.

- Access to direct MH services
- Limited Funding for NFP groups
- Services for youth/children
- Support for law enforcement MH initiatives.

The board brainstormed possible enhancement to KC 708 funds.

- Apply for 501c3 status so 708 Board can raise funds. Stibbe will gather information from groups that have recently completed the 501c3 process.
- Discuss with County Board possibility to establish a permanent percentage of the MH levy. This will give stability to annual 708 budget funds and allow for budget growth via the EAV.
- Explore available grants that could support the MH needs of residents

A training workshop for potential grant applicants will be held via ZOOM on May 10, 2022. Holmberg will send out a reminder to all prior applicants. The training will be led by Vickers. Board members will also participate. A focus of the training will be the definition of direct services for MH issues. Board members were in agreement that there is a spectrum of MH grant proposals. The board seeks grants that support direct service MH programs supported by MH professionals.

All board members are encouraged to take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aide course offered by KCHD.

Nancy Patush will host the **June 8, 2022 5:00pm** meeting at her home.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathi Mundsinger, Acting Secretary

