

708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

October 8, 2013

The Geneva Community Mental Health Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, in the Geneva City Hall Chambers, 109 James Street, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

Present: Chairman John Ford; Members Johnson, Goldstein, Davidson-Bell. Also present: Recording Secretary Celeste Weilandt.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Ford called the Mental Health Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted a quorum was present with four (4) voting members.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS - None.**

3. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**

4. **OMNIBUS AGENDA (OMNIBUS VOTE)**

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the Mental Health Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a board member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Regular Agenda. **Goldstein moved to approve the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Davidson-Bell. Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2013 - Approved by Omnibus Agenda.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Review Funding Night Plans - Chairman Ford reminded members that he will be putting packets together on November 1st and welcomed any help. He will be contacting one of the agencies to speak at the December City Council meeting and will provide a handout on funding night to those agencies that do not have to attend the December meeting. Members were reminded that the November meeting began at 6:00 p.m. The Recording Secretary would also remind city staff to have the monitors and computer set up for the chairman.

B. Review Strategic Plan Ideas - Chairman Ford referenced his draft handouts and notes of how a strategic plan may look, commenting he would like to keep the plan to one page. In reviewing the sample plan, Johnson asked for Chairman Ford's thoughts on the fundraising plans, wherein the chair discussed the various ways this board could acquire additional funding besides what the city set aside, with members recalling the fundraiser held at Claddaugh's. Goldstein shared some fundraiser ideas. As to the topic of informing the public of the services available, as noted in the chairman's notes, Chairman Ford stated it could be as simple as writing a couple of paragraphs and placing the information in the City's newsletters. Asked if the City would consider increasing the levy again, Chairman Ford summarized that a few years ago funding was decreased and that any increase would have to be done through a referendum. The board's budget was also subject to adjustments based on general needs. As an alternative, Ford suggested informing the public on the service gaps that existed in the community and possibly using his outline as a resource or exhibit for his draft plan. He also added that he would like each of the members to organize a meeting for the first quarter of 2014 to discuss any topic they felt was important, eventually with the information becoming the strategic plan.

Johnson stated she felt the presenter for the high school was very insightful and believed her information was compelling and would be useful to this board. Ford would contact the presenter to see if she was comfortable in discussing the information before the City Council. Similarly, Ford said the board could ask for more "hard" data from the agencies, via the funding application, as it relates to the drug problems among the youth in the community -- understanding that it should be recognized and that the information should somehow be reflected in the agencies' presentations. In closing, Chairman Ford asked members to email him with their top three picks and he would begin drafting the strategic plan.

C. Discuss AID Request for Special Funding - Chairman Ford briefly summarized City Admin. McKittrick's email regarding how the committee could vote if there was a recusal at the funding meeting. As to AID's request for special funding, Ford said he believed this board could vote on the request and if there was a concern at City Council, it could be addressed at that time. Regarding the \$7500 that AID needed for start up costs, member comments followed to grant the funding out of the board's fund because it was a one-time situation and it was basically "seed" money to cover the same services among the three cities regardless of the size of the towns. However, Johnson shared concerns about AID spreading itself too thin and not collaborating with other agencies. **Johnson moved to approve the designation of \$7500 for AID's school**

transition program from the Geneva Mental Health Board fund. Seconded by Davidson-Bell. Motion carried 3-0-1. (Goldstein abstains). Chairman Ford would follow up with City Admin. McKittrick as to the correct process and also contact Lynn O'Shea.

7. NEW BUSINESS - None

8. OTHER BUSINESS

*A. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services - Approved by Omnibus Agenda.

Goldstein brought up the suggestion to have a Geneva High School student on the board, similar to the St. Charles Mental Health Board. Chairman Ford asked Goldstein to follow up regarding the age requirement for a member. Goldstein said she would contact Phyllis Russell with ACMHAI regarding this matter.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MAIL

The Ecker Center has invited the board to its 13th annual Festival of the Trees fundraiser on November 9, 2013 at the Marriott in Hoffman Estates, 6:00 p.m.. Tri-City Family Services has invited the board to its annual meeting on October 24th, at Riverside Reception in Geneva, 5:00 p.m.. Chairman Ford also asked Mayor Burns if he was open to select a City Council member for this board and Ford conveyed that the mayor was open to the idea.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on motion by Goldstein, seconded by Davidson-Bell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of 4-0.

Recording Secretary,
Celeste K. Weilandt