

GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

January 13, 2004

The Geneva Community Mental Health Commission met on Wednesday, January 13, 2004, at 6:00 p.m., Geneva City Hall, 22 South First Street, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

Present: Chairwoman Farmer, Commissioners Barclay, Birkner, Davidson-Bell, McConnaughay, Rago (late). Recording Secretary Celeste Weilandt.

Chairwoman Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes of December 9, 2003 were approved on motion by Barclay, seconded by Birkner. Motion passed by voice vote of 5-0.

AGENCY INTERVIEWS

Association for Individual Development (funding request for \$18,880)- Exec. Dir. Lynn O'Shea reported last year the agency saw an increase in the number of Geneva individuals served or a 17.5% increase. Hours of service to Genevans increased by 34%. Recently Geneva's Plan Commission voted to support the zoning amendment to allow for group homes. The largest challenge continues to be locating housing in Geneva.

Commissioners talked about whether to hold off discussion of the funding disbursements for next month. **McConnaughay moved to hold off discussion of funding disbursements to the next meeting, seconded by Barclay. Roll call:**

Ayes: Birkner, McConnaughay

Nays: Barclay, Davidson-Bell, Farmer

MOTION FAILED. VOTE: 2-3

Kane Kendell Service Coordinators (\$7,000 funding request)- Exec. Dir. Ms. Helander discussed the background of the services her agency offers throughout the Tri-Cities area. The agency provides advocacy services and coordinates services for development and developmental delays for the 0 to 3 yrs. population. Approx. 78 Geneva residents were served along with 7 other families in the Access program. Questions followed regarding professional wages (for case workers), office wages and travel expenses.

Ecker Center for Mental Health (\$32,000 funding request)- Exec. Dir. Karen Beyer explained the agency serves adults and family members 24/7 for emergency psychiatric evaluation through Delnor Hospital, Sherman Hospital, and St. Joseph Hospital. The agency provides case management services such as income, entitlements, public aid, etc. Due to Elgin Mental Health closing, many individuals are seeking assistance through community hospitals. Ecker Center has a new building in Elgin, Illinois. Approximately 60 Genevans were served in 2003 along with an increase of hours from 515 to 1020 hours.. Rago commented on his positive visit to the new facility.

Renz Addition Counseling Center (\$5,000 funding request)- Exec. Dir. Jerry Skogmo explained that Renz provides adults and youth with alcohol/substance abuse prevention, treatment, treatment for compulsive gambling, employee assistance programs, and an HIV program. Youth prevention services are provided mainly in the Elgin area. Approximately 28 alcohol/drug abuse cases in Geneva were served last year, along with two residents seeking gambling help.

Suicide Prevention Services at Stone Manor (\$5000 funding request) - Clinical Services Coord. Ms. Mari Wittum reported 457 Geneva clients were served. The agency provides suicide prevention (through educational services) and post-vention services. Many of the Geneva clients came from Delnor Community Hospital. Much family counseling and collaboration takes place through the agency. Post-vention services have been expanded to the youth. More recently, the agency purchased its current facility. A five-year plan was handed out. The agency receives other funding sources from the St. Charles 708 Board and the Aurora 708 Board.

McConnaughay noted some agencies did not provide their prior profit and loss statements which was requested in the application and posted in the Legal Notice.

Fox Valley Special Recreation Association (\$3500 funding request) - Exec. Dir. Nagle explained the association is an extension of four park districts in the area which serves children and adults with leisure services at all levels including disabled and developmental. Last year 35 Geneva residents were served through the Outreach program, the Inclusion program, Leisure Education, and Assessment Services. A total of 95 Geneva residents were served out of 1,350 individuals. McConnaughay noted the association had a \$36,000 loss and was concerned about the

trend continuing. Ms. Nagle spoke of the uncertainty of subsidies and donations received. One-on-one staffing and transportation had increased. Ms. Nagle reported a future facility was in the works.

Elderday Center (\$5,000 funding request) Exec. Dir. Micki Miller handed out December 2003 financials and discussed finances have been tight and donations have been down. Recently, the center was a recipient of Sho-Deen's non-profit Christmas donation. The adult day center saw an increase of one Geneva client but an increase in 1,275.5 hours over the last year to Genevans. Many family care givers are working full time and utilizing the services at the Center. Approx. 12 Geneva residents received caregiver counseling services. Ms. Miller discussed the recent relocation of the center to Batavia and also spoke of a pen-pal program involving seniors and third graders from Coultrap School in Geneva. Barclay explained how the Shodeen matching program worked.

TriCity Family Services (\$33,600 funding request) - Exec. Dir. Jim Otepka highlighted program developments from last fiscal year and discussed the recent changes occurring in their anger management programs, single-moms program and the Wilderness Challenge. Referrals to therapists have improved through quicker technology. Funding has decreased however, and, therefore, more fee-for-services were added. Last fiscal year, approx. 226 Genevans requested counseling services and crisis intervention services, or, approximately 27% of all clients served by the agency. Development Dir. Matt Crow discussed an awareness campaign for Tri-Cities has recently begun. Commissioners were handed the agency's 2003 annual statement. The agency does collaborate with Suicide Prevention Services in Batavia. Twelve full-time counselors and 6 to 8 part-time therapists are on staff.

Community Unit School District 304 (\$12,500 funding request) Prevention/Intervention Coord. Chic Williams explained that prior monies funded were distributed as discussed last year. The Geneva School District continues to support Red Ribbon Week and the Geneva Coalition for Youth programs. However, funding was decreasing and the community continues to grow. The goal of the various programs include prevention and to keep Geneva's youth healthy. McConnaughay suggested that Mr. Williams seek additional funding not only from this board but from the Geneva City Council (for matching grants), the school district, and other public bodies. Birkner asked about parents' roles in the program and discussed peer pressure. She believed if the program was a community effort, this board, as a taxing body, should not fund another taxing body. Many individuals had real developmental disabilities and many of the providers did not have enough money to service them. (Barclay steps away at 7:47 p.m.) Mr. Williams stated a number of parent volunteers (Barclay returns 7:48 p.m.) were involved in the programs and a parent program existed to educate parents. Rago emphasized the program was for prevention and it directly benefited Geneva. Volunteer Ms. O'Halloran recalled that in this board's mission statement, substance abuse was listed as a mental health issue. She emphasized the charge before the school district and this board was to educate the parents, the youth, and the City Council and City staff.

Lazarus House (\$13,600 funding request)- Exec. Dir. Darlene Marcusson announced the opening of her agency's transitional living facility and spoke of a situation involving a Geneva resident and his mental issues and the medical costs involved. The funding request covered 10% of the expenses incurred for Geneva residents.

CASA Kane County (\$2,250 funding request)- Exec. Dir. Linda Berny has been with the agency for the past 8 months. Currently, 3 children were placed in foster care in Geneva while one child was taken from a Geneva residence. Approx. 22 volunteers are from Geneva. Ms. Berny discussed her own discoveries taking in a foster child and discussed the importance of addressing mental health issues. Discussion followed on the transition period which took place at CASA in early 2003 which resulted in CASA missing the 2003 grant application deadline.

Fox Valley Hospice (\$9,500 funding request)- Development Dir. Nancy Vance saw a 5% increase of Genevans served from last year. A discrepancy in the figure of Geneva residents was noted (245 individuals). The \$45,000 listed on the budget sheet reflected funding received from the St. Charles, Geneva, and Aurora 708 boards.

Tri City Health Partnership (\$3,500 funding request)- Exec. Dir. Nancy Malek reported the two year-old agency is a free medical clinic which serves the Tri-City area and provides a number of free services to residents. Of the 882 individuals served, 114 were Genevans. Screening for substance abuse is routinely given to all patients and includes mental health and the typical health history screening. The clinic provides no mental health care but provides referrals to other providers. No Medicaid, social security, medical benefits, etc. are received.

(Commissioners take a five minute break at 8:20 p.m.; returned at 8:25 p.m.)

DISBURSEMENT OF 2004 FUNDS

Discussion followed that \$128,870.00. was available for disbursement, minus the monies set aside for the capital project, and an understanding existed that monies were also set aside for administrative services. For future funding applications, Barclay suggested that the board provide a copy of Geneva's map of taxing districts. Chairwoman

Farmer also reminded commissioners to keep in mind those larger agencies who had funding capabilities when reviewing the applications. Referring to the one-third philosophy, Birkner communicated \$28,000 was set aside for developmental disabilities; \$58,750 for mental health; and \$32,750 for substance abuse. Approximately \$24,370 (17%) was set aside for the capital project this funding year. Currently, \$219,928 was available in the Capital Fund.

Barclay moved to approve the following disbursements for Funding Year 2004, as presented, seconded by McConaughay. Motion passed with a voice vote of 6-0.

	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Requested</u>
Association for Individual Development	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,880
Kane Kendell Service Coordinators	6,500	7,000
Ecker Center for Mental Health	22,000	32,000
Renz Addiction Counseling Center	3,500	5,000
Suicide Prevention Services at Stone Manor	3,000	5,000
Fox Valley Special Recreation Association	3,500	3,500
Elderday Center	2,000	5,000
TriCity Family Services	30,000	33,600
Community Unit School District 304	12,000	12,500
Lazarus House	9,000	13,600
CASA Kane County	500	2,250
Fox Valley Hospice	8,000	9,500
Tri City Health Partnership	1,500	3,500
	TOTAL DISBURSED: \$119,500	

Chic Williams thanked the board for their funding opportunity suggestions. The agencies thanked the board for allowing them to observe the process. Barclay emphasized that all agencies were welcomed to observe the disbursement process. Birkner voiced her opinion regarding the school district's program and spoke of parental responsibilities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approve Payment for Recording Secretary (attachment)- Barclay moved to approve the Recording Secretary's invoice for \$230.00, seconded by Rago. Motion passed by a voice vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on motion by Barclay, seconded by Birkner. Motion passed.

Celeste K. Weilandt
Recording Secretary