

708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

November 11, 2008

The Geneva Community Mental Health Board met on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Geneva City Hall, 22 S. First Street, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

Present: Chairman Barclay (late), Members Cooper, Davidson-Bell, Ford, O'Neil, Torrence.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Davidson-Bell called the Mental Health Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Davidson-Bell conveyed that Chairman Barclay had asked her to make a motion to defer Agenda Item 5A until the presentations were completed and due to him running late. Davidson-Bell made a motion to defer Item 5A, seconded by O'Neil. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0.

3. 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. **The Omnibus Agenda was approved on motion by O'Neil, seconded by Ford. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*A. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2008 - **Approved by Omnibus Agenda.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

B. Funding Applicants to Present to the Board

Suicide Prevention - (\$5,500) Exec Dir. Weber reviewed some of the agency's services that were cut as well as the steps the agency was taking to become more efficient. Fundraisers were also combined. She elaborated on the teen's and children's program. She estimated the percentage of the agency's population diagnosed as having substance abuse, mental illness or being developmentally disabled was approximately 80% to 85%. The vice-chair commended the agency's for its resources on a personal matter.

DayOne Network - (\$7,000) Community Access Program Director Lisa Jacino and Child and Family Connections Program Director Steve Kaufman distributed the agency's annual report and some older newsletters. She explained her agency is a service coordination agency for the county specifically for developmentally disabled children and adults. About 700 individuals are involved in the Community Access program under "Active" status and another 275 individuals are registered in their database. The agency partners with schools and other providers to identify developmentally disabled individuals. The program is assisted with state funding. Mr. Kaufman elaborated on the early intervention program with 900 families and another 130 more in in-take. To-date, there are 24 full-time staff. He added that state funding has decreased and is inadequate. Mr. Kaufman discussed the transition agreement the agency has with the Geneva School District but explained the program does not directly involve the school but instead involves the family to meet its goals. As to what percent of the individuals that have been diagnosed with either development disabilities or mental illness, he explained that to be in the program, individuals must be 30% delayed. Ms. Jacino stated that the individuals under the Community Access program are 100% disabled and the agency is not reimbursed by the schools.

Lazarus House - (\$13,500) Exec. Dir. Darlene Marcusson congratulated the board and members of AID for the purchase of Bethany House. Due to the economy, her agency is seeing more clients. She discussed the importance of stepping up the facility's program to provide as much resources to the community. Information about the agency's rental subsidies and mortgage assistance programs followed. She asked members spread the word about the programs. On another note, Ms. Marcusson reported another home has been donated to her agency and has become a resource center. As to those individuals who come to her agency for services, Ms. Marcusson estimated that 63% of them were diagnosed with mental illness or substance abuse. Lastly, member were invited to attend the agency's annual Thanksgiving Feast at the St. Charles Red Cross facility, located at 1710 S. Seventh Avenue from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

6:40 p.m. Tri-City Health Partnership - (\$2500) Exec. Dir. Shannon Watson was not present.

6:50 p.m. Ecker Center - (\$33,000) Exec. Dir. Karen Beyer reported 48 Genevans were served this past year by her agency. Her facility incorporates all of the mental health services available to individuals, i.e., psychiatric and crisis services, mental health therapy, psychosocial rehabilitations services, etc. to individual who need 24/hours service to those living in apartments. To date, the state took \$87,000 out of their contract and the agency has made some cuts. Grants that have been received have been used towards computerizing their records. Approximately 100% of the clients served have mental illnesses; 55% have alcohol/substance abuse problems and about 2% have developmental disabilities.

7:00 p.m. Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice- (\$11,000) Mr. Greg Weider explained his agency's mission focuses on enhancing the quality of life by providing bereavement and compassionate services. The agency is funded strictly by the community and provide its services to the community free of charge. Of the 38 Geneva clients, Mr. Weider could not provide the exact figures for those diagnosed mentally ill or with substance abuse. He offered to retrieve the information, however but estimated it could be similar to the population as a whole.

7:20 p.m. AID Association for Individual Development - (\$45,000) Exec. Dir. Lynn O'Shea thanked members for their support in acquiring Bethany House. She stated the federal government would be releasing the Community Development Block Grants funds and bidding for the renovation project should be underway soon. To the point, she reported her agency served 57 Geneva residents in areas of mental health services, residential services, developmental disability needs, and RESPIS care. The cost to provide services to Geneva residents during the past year \$454,900. AID is requesting \$30,000 to continue services for the 57 residents and request an additional \$15,000 to provide for financial support for Bethany House, utilities and transportation. Approximately 34 Genevans are waiting for services and another 21 Genevans are waiting for housing. The State of Illinois did cut \$600,000 from their contract but she is hearing that some of the Medicaid funding may be reinstated. Per Ford's question, all 57 clients have disabilities. Regarding the capital shortfall for Bethany House, Ms. O'Shea estimated it was about \$15,000. She expects, however, to bring in the capital necessary for the home. Asked if Genevans could contribute to Bethany House, she stated a wish list was being created and residents can earmark the money for a furnishing or donate it. She had positive comments about the recent open house held at Bethany House. Another open house was planned.

8:20 p.m. Living Well Cancer Center - (\$10,000) Exec. Dir. Nancy Vance and Program Dir. Jillian Smallwood were present. Ms. Smallwood discussed the growth the facility has been experiencing. She referenced a hand-out from the Institute of Medicine discussing six domains of which all of Living Well's services meet. She discussed the various counseling services that are offered at the facility which are not necessarily advertised. Approximately 76% of their clients are diagnosed as mentally ill.

7:10 p.m. Renz Addiction - (\$7,000) Exec. Dir Jerry Skogmo reported his agency is an alcohol/substance abuse treatment center and assists individuals with compulsive gambling. Currently, 26 Genevans are receiving treatment services with over half being under 20 years of age with a primary diagnose of alcohol abuse, followed by marijuana abuse. Statistics followed. Due to state cuts, the agency is running with a \$32,000 deficit. Approximately one-third of the services are directed for treatment while another third or less focus on preventive services.

(The board took a break at 7:08 p.m.; it reconvened at 7:12 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. Geneva School District #304 - (\$14,500) Intervention Specialist Charles ("Chic") Williams distributed information on the various at-risk prevention programs offered at through school district, i.e., the Project Alert and TOPPS programs (middle School); Operation Snowball and SADD Club. Mr. Williams works with Tri-Cities Family Services through the Wilderness program. His Parent to Parent Workshops provides resources to parents. Per Ford's question about unused funds Mr. Williams explained that last year's application deducted the \$4,000 for the survey since the survey had not been completed. As to the number of students that the program has intervened, Mr. Williams estimated over 150 students with some from nearby communities. O'Neil applauded Mr. Williams efforts, reiterating the need for intervention and the fact that a drug and alcohol problem exists in the city. Williams, concurred but added that the situation was common throughout the nation. Vice chair Davidson-Bell also applauded the successes of the preventative programs.

7:40 p.m. Tri-City Family Services - (\$34,650) Exec. Dir. James Otepka provided copies of the agency's new strategic plan. Approximately 453 Genevans received services with 65% of those being served in the counseling program. An explanation of services offered through the facility were explained. Last year, there was a 13% increase in service delivery. However, since July 2008, the agency has developed a new strategy plan and has done some reorganizing, resulting in working with other Kane County agencies using shared services collaboration to reduce costs. He reported that the state has capped its reimbursement to Medicaid patients unless certain criteria is met because the state is moving toward managed care/self-sufficiency. Challenges and shortfalls of that move followed. He reported that of the 493 Geneva clients, 75% are diagnosed with substance abuse, mental illness, or are developmentally disabled.

7:50 p.m. Elderday Center - (\$6,000) Exec. Dir. Micki Miller shared how her day went with seven senior participants, noting all seven had dementia and six had depression. Substance abuse is more subtle. Currently, the agency's budget is over and a large fundraiser is being planned. While the state requires a 1 to 6 ratio, her agency provides a 1 to 4 ratio to seniors to reduce falls and escapement. To date, there has been an overall increase of 211 hours of service as compared to last year which includes Geneva residents. Ms. Miller pointed out that staff's interaction with seniors increases cognitive stimulation and keeps them out of nursing homes.

8:00 p.m. CASA Kane County - (\$5,000) Exec. Dir. Gloria Bunce distributed information about the agency stating she has been with the organization for two years. She explained her organization is volunteer-based and has to meet many guidelines which is why the organization needs funding. The office has less than a 90% turnover ratio. Approximately 496 children were served this year but funded 100% through individual boards or fundraisers. She discussed the importance of mentor consistency to a child. Out of 15 children 13 are doing well. About 85% of the kids come from homes with mental abuse and substance abuse with 7 out of the 9 Genevans coming from the same.

8:10 p.m. Fox Valley Special Recreation Association - (\$4,500) Ms. Tracy Crawford explained the agency focuses on providing recreational services for disabled individuals as well as on-going health maintenance and psycho/social intervention, reintegration services, etc. The association serves seven regional areas. She discussed some of the children's programs that are offered at various schools. This year's funding request will be used to support the outreach and school services programs. Asked about the revenues collected and whether there a formula is used (Barclay arrives), Ms. Crawford explained it is based on the number of communities served and each agency decides on its agency contribution.

- A. Discussion of Holdback of Funds: Per Torrence's question about the decrease in this year's funding, Chairman Barclay explained that the \$20,000 loan had to be paid back and money was used to purchase Bethany House. In addition, he reminded members that Finance Dir. Weis suggested holding back some money to pay for contractual services and other minor services. Ford stated he wanted to discuss paying off the \$20,000 mortgage first before distributing the funding and also believed the \$15,000 in operating expenses that AID was seeking should be addressed. He conveyed that Ms. O'Shea said she was within \$15,000 of capital and was close to committing to the renovations. He suggested that the \$15,000 goes to capital and/or contribute some amount to the funding of the furnishings. As to general expenses, he suggested holding back money for emergencies. Asked where the \$15,000 funds would come from for AID'S operating expenses, Barclay indicated he did not have discussion with staff. Ford recalled there was a figure for operating expenses on an annual basis that AID was expecting this board; other members recalled the topic was raised but nothing specific. Recognizing the board had approximately \$150,000 available, O'Neil agreed with Ford and suggested withholding 20% of the \$150,000 for the operating expenses and unknown contingencies (\$30,000 to hold back with \$15,000 to be used immediately for AID), leaving about \$120,000 for distribution to the agencies. Barclay voiced concern about those figures and the fact that money for the agencies would have to be cut. Torrence also said there was no money normally being held back for another potential group home and if that money was held back it would reduce the funding to the agencies even more. Dialog followed by O'Neil that the board had to fund Bethany House as its first commitment and if the extra \$15,000 was not needed it could be set aside for another group home. For the record, Torrence asked that if no funding is held back for a group home this year, then the board should hold back funds next year, due to the economy.

Discussion followed that \$10,000 should be used towards another group home, but if the money is needed for Bethany House emergencies, it can be used. Torrence recalled that there was no mortgage per se and once Bethany House has its residents in the home, the money received from the residents pays for such emergencies. Dialog followed that this was the board's first house and the board should be cautious. Davidson-Bell supported the \$15,000 AID money and the \$15,000 for reserves. She discussed the fact that AID was very resourceful on their own and the economy was tough and the agencies should not be penalized. Chair Barclay suggested holding back 10% and funding the agencies with what was given out last year. Fundings for previous years were reviewed. **O'Neil made a motion that the board withhold \$30,000 from the \$150,000 with \$15,000 of that money for the Bethany House transportation and the other \$15,000 for any contingency, should one arise. If no contingency arises, the \$15,000 shall be committed to a second group home. Seconded by Ford.**

Barclay would not support the motion due to the amount of funding (\$17,000 or more) being cut and the board made a significant commitment to Bethany House. He recalled in previous board discussions there was dialog that it would cost the board more and that funding to the agencies would be reduced. Torrence reiterated the goal was to get the home up and running. It was also pointed out that Lynn O'Shea stated in her presentation that the block grants were being released which meant funding would be available. Barclay pointed out that AID basically owns the home and this board was attached to it because if anything happens to AID the home is returned to the board. In his discussions with some agencies, it was pointed out that Geneva

was investing a significant amount of money into five individuals and Geneva was the first city to go through this process. Cooper believed AID had the resources to bring in funds. Dialog followed that more explanation was necessary regarding AID's \$15,000 for transportation. Barclay suggested holding back \$15,000 and determine whether the board will assist AID with the additional \$15,000 or keep it in a fund for them. **Roll call:**

Aye: O'Neil, Ford

Nay: Cooper, Torrence, Davidson-Bell, Barclay

Motion failed. Vote: 2-4.

Davidson-Bell moved to withhold \$15,000 (from the \$150,000) to be determined whether it should be used for the AID request or set aside for a group home at a later date. Any monies above the \$150,000 will be held back as a contingency/future group home fund. Cooper seconded the motion. Dialog followed on using last year's dollar numbers for the agencies. **Roll call:**

Aye: Cooper, Davidson-Bell, Ford, Torrence, Barclay

Nay: O'Neil

Motion carried. Vote: 5-1

- C. Discussion of Funds to be Distributed - Members deliberated on the funding figures, with Ford supporting those agencies that met the core requirements.

	<u>2009 Requested</u>	<u>2009 Approved</u>
Suicide Prevention	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,000
DayOne Network	7,000	5,000
Lazarus House	13,500	9,500
Tri-City Health Partnership	2,500	1,350
Ecker Center	33,000	27,000
Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice	11,000	7,200
Renz Addiction	7,000	5,300
Association for Individual Development	45,000	26,300
Geneva Community School District 304	14,500	10,100
Tri-City Family Services	34,650	28,500
Elderday Center	6,000	3,900
CASA Kane County	5,000	1,700
Fox Valley Special Recreation Association	4,500	3,000
Living Well Cancer Resource Center	<u>10,000</u>	<u>2,900</u>
	\$199,150	\$135,750

O'Neil moved to accept the 2009 Approved figures for a total of \$135,750, seconded by Ford. Roll call:

Aye: Cooper, Davidson-Bell, Ford, Torrence, Barclay

Nay: O'Neil

Motion carried. Vote: 5-1

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Introduction of Guests - All guests were welcomed.

- B. Written Correspondence - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Torrence. Motion carried by voice vote of 6-0.

Recording Secretary,
Celeste K. Weilandt