

THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY 708 BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 ~ 11:30 a.m.
Williamson County Administration Building
407 N. Monroe, Marion, IL 62959

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Bales, Secretary/Treasurer
Rick Hall
Michelle Hamilton, President
Jim Marlo
Leonard Russell
Carol Zwick

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Jim Parker

CENTERSTONE STAFF PRESENT

John Markley, Chief Financial Officer
Elena Voigt, Executive Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT

The Williamson County 708 Board meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, by President Michelle Hamilton.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Hamilton)

The minutes were emailed to the Board prior to today's meeting. Hamilton asked if there were any questions, or corrections to the minutes as presented. There were none.

- MOTION by Jim Marlo, seconded by Rick Hall, to approve the minutes of October 4, 2016.

There being no further discussion, Michelle Hamilton called for a vote.

All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT (Bales)

Jim Bales presented the Treasurer's Report which was emailed to the Board prior to today's meeting. Jim states we have received the bulk of our tax money, however he reports receiving another check last Friday for a little over \$25,000. Jim is suggesting that the Board consider disbursing \$25,000 to Centerstone, which will leave a balance of a little over \$1,000 in the account.

- MOTION by Jim Bales, seconded by Leonard Russell to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. There being no further discussion, Michelle Hamilton called for the vote. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED
- MOTION by Jim Bales, seconded by Leonard Russell to disburse \$25,000 to Centerstone today. There being no further discussion, Michelle Hamilton called for a vote. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT REVIEW (Bales)

Jim Bales reviewed the audit report with the group. Jim noted there are some compliance items that need to be addressed. Jim stated in the past the 708 Board has never published receipts and disbursements in the paper. He also noted that in the past a copy of the budget is given to the Williamson County Board. Jim Marlo stated the budget goes on the County website which would fulfill the requirement of publishing the budget. Elena Voigt reports that Dean Snider states that posting the audit report on the County website would suffice for compliance of submitting an Annual Report and leads to transparency. Jim Bales suggested that this be documented in the Williamson County 708 Board minutes for record of our fulfillment of these requirements each year.

Leonard Russell discussed the last paragraph in the Audit letter with the group, which stated,

“The current Williamson County Board has been supportive of mental health funding, but given the many years of previous experiences, it might be beneficial to request that the mental health rate be separated. Accordingly, compliance could become increasingly important. We also encourage the Board to consult with legal counsel in this regard.”

Jim Marlo stated 708 Board levies are separate from other levies (Bi-County, etc.). Jim Marlo will follow up with Wendy Cunningham, Assistant States Attorney, regarding this issue and report back to the board. Jim Marlo stated the 708 Board cannot be considered a governmental entity of its own.

Leonard Russell cited the following from the Illinois Compiled Statutes which states:

“(405 ILCS 20/3d) (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 303d)
Sec. 3d.

The expenses incurred by any community mental health board in the performance of duties imposed upon it or its members shall be a charge on the board and shall be paid out of the “Community Mental Health Fund” hereinafter established.”

Jim Marlo stated in the affirmative there is a Mental Health Fund, which is separate. Leonard noted the maximum levy under this Act is .15%. Jim Marlo discussed how P-TELL (Property Tax Extension Law Limit) affects our funding, which is governed by the consumer price index plus new growth which is usually 1-2 percent. Currently, it's .037%. The group discussed how new growth in Marion is mostly all TIF funds. Jim Marlo stated everything is on par and he will speak with Wendy Cunningham regarding the comment at the end of Dean Snyder's audit letter stating the mental health funds be separated. Michelle Hamilton suggested that if Wendy Cunningham has any questions that she contact Dean Snider directly for clarification.

Carol Zwick raised the questions, if it would be possible to raise funds in another manner and how has the need for mental health services changed since the 708 Mental Health Act started. The group discussed the Mental Health Act as well as how the city of Marion has changed since the mental health board was originally formed. Zwick suggested possibly going directly to the City of Marion as well as the Home Rule cities within Williamson County and request additional money. Jim Marlo stated Home Rule agencies are not governed by P-Tel. The County board is limited by P-Tel. Zwick suggests those cities have a responsibility to support the mental health needs of Southern Illinois by paying their fair share.

Jim Marlo suggests getting a breakdown of what percent of people we serve come from Marion versus other cities. The group discussed attending city council meetings. Jim Marlo suggests contacting one of the four councilmen (Jim Webb, Anthony Rinella, Angelo Hightower and John Goss) about requesting more funds. The group discussed TIFS and how they are affecting the 708 Board. Jim Marlo will contact Dale Fowler regarding the "property tax freeze", which is really not a tax freeze. The group agreed that TIF is really hurting the 708 Board, and the home rule cities also. John Markley will put some figures together on the TIF districts and Home Rule Districts and present at the next 708 Board Meeting. Leonard Russell also asked John if he could include itinerate clients as well. John states he might have stats for homeless individuals, but it will be difficult to identify itinerate clients.

- MOTION by Jim Bales, seconded by Leonard Russell, to approve the Audit report as presented.
There being no further discussion, Michelle Hamilton called for a vote.
All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED

Jim Bales asked if the 708 Board could send a letter to Dean Snyder thanking him for his work in performing the Audit at no charge this year as a donation to Centerstone. John Markley stated he will be making a personal call on Dean and taking by a gift for him in appreciation for him performing the 708 Board audit at no cost.

MEETING DATES FOR 2017

The group discussed dates for meetings in 2017. The following dates and times were agreed upon (the first Tuesday of every month, starting 12:00 p.m., at the Williamson County Administration Building):

- March 7, 2017 (Tuesday), 12:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2017 (Tuesday), 12:00 p.m.
- September 5, 2017 (Tuesday), 12:00 p.m.
- December 5, 2017 (Tuesday), 12:00 p.m.

Elena Voigt will email these dates, times and locations to all 708 Board Members.

Jim Marlo asked is there were any 708 Board directors whose terms are going to expire soon. Elena Voigt reports there are two, Jim Parker and Carol Zwick. Michelle Hamilton has

contacted both individuals and have stated their desire to continue to serve another 4 year term if reappointed. Elena stated a letter from Michelle Hamilton asking for reappointment of Jim Parker was sent to the County Board for action, and Michelle will be submitting a letter to the County Board asking for the reappointment of Carol Zwick in the next few days. Elena will send an updated listing of the 708 Board Members' contact information along with their terms.

FUND UTILIZATION REPORT (Markley)

Stacey Overturf was unable to attend today's meeting so John Markley presented the report. John reviewed the report with the group reporting the average amount spent in the first quarter per client was \$87. This is not per service. Last year this amount was \$76/person. John noted that the majority of clients are receiving mental health outpatient services totaling 1,315, followed by substance abuse services at 1,165.

Michelle Hamilton asked if the new criminal justice reform act would be another unfunded mandate. John states the 1115 Waiver will address this. The Governor is committed to getting this funded to help people transition out of correctional facilities and into the community more successfully. John noted the real question for Illinois is whether the resources are there to do these implementation.

AGENCY REPORT (Markley)

John Markley discussed the State of the State noting the Legislature may not have a lame duck session. This would mean we will move right into conducting business with the new individuals who were elected and will be taking office in January. John states not seeing any solutions coming from the State at this point in time. The Centerstone Crisis Center, which was saving the State \$4.1 million was a good program but the State has not committed to this program and did not pay Centerstone. Carol Zwick noted that if it hadn't been for Centerstone of America fronting Centerstone of Illinois operating cash, Centerstone of Illinois might be out of business by now. Jim Marlo asked if Centerstone has discussed with anyone the idea of a fee addition, for example through the judicial system, to tack on a fee when someone pays for a fine or court cost. If they could tack on a fee for Mental Health Services it may be very beneficial. John stated he will talk with Brandon Zanati about the possibility of a fee.

John reports we have added additional psychiatric hours for children and adults at all Centerstone locations. These are a valuable resource for Centerstone.

John stated Centerstone received a \$50,000 grant to develop health homes in our region. John explained this is more of a holistic approach to service and care. The goal of the project, which will be focused on clients who receive crisis services at hospitals in Murphysboro, Carbondale and Herrin, will be to reduce future crisis occurrences by providing intensive wrap-around services to identify obstacles and remove barriers for clients to receive ongoing counseling and primary healthcare. John noted that the top 5% of high utilizer's use 50% of the resources, and 85% of those 5% have a behavioral health issue that coincides with a primary care issue. This will reduce costs and improve outcomes.

John reported Centerstone has received a Department of Labor grant providing funding for a reentry program for young adults 18 years of age and older, and we have opened an office in

East St. Louis specifically to provide those services. We currently are providing these services in Jackson and Franklin Counties and are looking at setting up one in Williamson County.

John reported on Centerstone Spotlight events that occurred recently. One event was on Heroin and Opiate Abuse, and one on Human Trafficking.

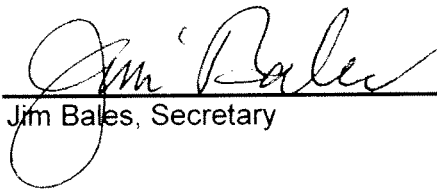
ADJOURNMENT (Hamilton)

With no additional business, a MOTION was made by Carol Zwick, seconded by Leonard Russell, to adjourn.

All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED

The Williamson County 708 Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



Jim Bales, Secretary

3/7/17
Date