

Jackson County 708 Mental Health Board  
September 21, 2015

Present: Margo Willis, Jo Gulley- Ancell, Jim Scales, Linda Flowers, Cindy Clark  
and Brandi Williamson

Also Present: Teresa Eubanks, Ramona Girtman, Kathryn Sime, Shannon Odom, Betti Mucha,  
Mike Health, Ginny Donney and Michelle Tweedy

Jackson County 708 Mental Health Chair Jim Scales called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

Members reviewed the board and public hearing minutes of August 3, 2015. Motion by Willis, seconded by Flowers to approve the August 3, 2015, minutes as presented, motion carried.

The board reviewed the Third Quarter Expense and Status Report of Good Samaritan Ministries. Mr. Mike Heath representing Good Samaritan Ministries informed the members that with the state budget crisis managing the services provided has become a day to day struggle. Mr. Health requested the members to reach out to the local legislatures requesting an end to the budget crisis.

The board reviewed the Third Quarter Expense and Status Report of the Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center. Ms. Mucha representing Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center informed the members that they too were struggling with the state budget crisis. The members were invited to the First Annual harvest Moon Ball to support the local child advocacy centers on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 6 p.m.

The board reviewed the Third Quarter Expense and Status Report of Archway, Inc. Ms. Odom representing Archway, Inc. informed the members that they too were struggling with the state budget crisis. Archway is currently receiving Federal and Jackson County 708 Mental Health Board funding at this time. The state comptroller's office stated that Archway was part of the funding that had been ordered to be released. Archway, Inc. is currently considering the pursuit to obtain a line of credit.

The board reviewed the Third Quarter Expense and Status Report of Centerstone. Ms. Sime representing Centerstone informed the members that they too were experiencing the same struggles in relation to the state budget crisis. Centerstone is currently considering a work force reduction with those positions to be moved into the areas which were growing. Ms. Sime introduced Ms. Girtman who represented Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois. Ms. Girtman informed the members of the many programs offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois and that those programs relied on the mercy of the donors.

The board reviewed the Third Quarter Expense and Status Report of The Women's Center, Inc. Ms. Eubanks representing The Women's Center informed the members of the Back to School Bas held in August and the upcoming Fall Festival.

The board reviewed the Third Quarter Expense and Status Report of Shawnee Health Service and Development Corporation. Ms. Donney representing Shawnee Health Service and Development

Corporation expressed concerns with the same state budgeting crisis and informed the members that thanks to the Federal Government the pharmacy service were about to be expanded.

The board reviewed the Third Quarter Expense and Status report of Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living and Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation, Inc.

Jackson County Board Accounting Coordinator Michelle Tweedy presented the board with a Revenue & Expenditure Comparison and Balance Sheet for the period ending September 30, 2015, as of September 21<sup>st</sup>. The financial statements reflected a net loss of \$188,665.69, a cash balance of \$77,378.13 and property tax receivable of \$315,770.68. The board was informed that the property tax bills had been mailed with the first installment due on October 16, 2015.

Former Treasurer Jo Gulley- Ancell informed the committee that the Third Quarter Program Funding had been released to the agencies and that there were no monthly claims to consider.

\* Former Treasurer Jo Gulley-Ancell presented the members with the proposed FY16 Budget for Programming from the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee recommends requesting \$294,547, an increase of \$12,000, to fund agency programs, to provide mini-grants and pay for administrative services. Motion by Flowers, seconded by Willis **to forwarded the recommendation of the Budget Committee to the Jackson County board Finance Committee for consideration**, motion carried.

Jackson County 708 Mental Health Chair Jim Scales reminded those present that the recommendation of the Budget Committee wouldn't necessarily guarantee funding at the level requested. Jackson County 708 Mental Health Chair Jim Scales encouraged those to attend the Jackson County Finance Committee meetings as the budget was being prepared.

Margo Willis thanked the Budget Committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

Jackson County 708 Mental Health Chair Jim Scales reminded the members to pay close attention to the rules and regulations pertaining to the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

The Jackson County 708 Mental Health Board will meet on Monday, November 16, 2015, and will be discussing the following: future direction of the Planning Committee, updating the webpage, and the revision of the Application for 708 Board Funding (combination of short & long form into one form).

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Clark to adjourn, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.