

708 BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019 5:30 PM
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order (5:30 PM)

Members Present: Hunter, Madsen, St. Julian, Thomas, Williamson and Willis

Members Absent: Flowers

Also Present: Ginny Donney, Betti Mucha, Kathy Baumann, Bonnie Vaughn, Steven Johnson, Deanna Cruze, Micki Moon, Jocelyn Popit, Nancy Maxwell, Holly Cormier

- I. [19-4287](#) Review of FY20 Funding Applications
- a. Archway
 - b. Centerstone
 - c. Good Samaritan
 - d. Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center
 - e. Shawnee Health Service
 - f. Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living
 - g. SIU Clinical Center
 - h. Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation
 - i. The Women's Center

Hunter gave a breakdown of the County budget issues and the difficult decisions that have to be made with regard to the levy's. She emphasized that the 708 Board wants to keep all of the services but if the County Board cuts the budget she would like for each agency to explain how a funding cut would affect them. St. Julien suggested that each agency plan to attend the budget hearing to emphasize to the County Board the effects of cutting the mental health levy.

A. Archway-Cruze and Moon spoke about the Title 20 program that is funded with 708 funds: classes run from 8am to 1pm and therapy is done after and some evenings for parents that work; children can stay until age 5; currently there is only enough funding for two classrooms, they have space for another but no funding; they are licensed through the department of family services; this is a matching grant and if funding was cut they would have to cut the program down while continuing to look for other funding sources.

B. Centerstone-Popit began by stating that if funding was cut they would try to keep the programs going as long as they could, they do apply for other grants and they may be able to shift some funds to keep some programs going. She went on to say that they use 708 funds to provide family services and counseling in schools, they saw 3,572 people including students last year. Willis pointed out that their list of physicians and legal connections are out of date, Popit will look into it.

C. Good Samaritan did not attend.

D. Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center-Mucha stated that the 708 funding is 3% of their total funding but 100% of the 708 funding goes to keep the Murphysboro satellite office open. If they lost funding they would close the Murphysboro office which would mean that clients, attorneys, and officers would all have to go to the Pickneyville office. Mucha also pointed out that interviews have doubled since opening the Murphysboro office and there has been an increase in collaboration with law enforcement and treatments for clients.

E. Shawnee Health-Donney reported that the 708 funding is used for their Terrier Care services that are offered at the schools in Jackson County. This is a 50% funded position and they would like to increase it by adding another 50% time person. They want the program to provide trauma informed care and substance abuse care but they are working on the training.

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F. Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living-Vaughn and Jackson reported that the 708 funding is 1% of their total budget but it is used to transport clients, it would be a huge impact to the clients and their caregivers if it was not provided. The clients ability to get a ride provides them with the ability to get out of the house, learn and socialize which is important for them and their caregivers. They provide several thousand transports a year and a lot of them are accessible rides which is hard to come by in Jackson County.

G. SIU Clinical Center-Cormier spoke about how the 708 funding covers the cost of Learning Development assessments to low income families who would not otherwise be able to get them. This is a disenfranchised group who want to get services to help their kids but if they cannot afford it then the kids just don't get tested which affects them for the rest of their lives. In addition to the testing the Clinical Center staff go into the schools to help get the kids the assistance they need.

H. Specialized Training for Adult Rehabilitation-Baumann stated that the 708 fundings supports the vocational program for those that are not eligible for state funding. This program gives people a chance to train for jobs, get employment, and have something productive to do. The 708 funding is 2% of their budget which employees people and provides families with something for their loved ones to do while they work, if they were not using START services they would use other county services because they would have no where to go.

I. Women's Center-Maxwell reported that the 708 funding pays the salary of a person to work at the Erma Hayes Center office providing services in an under served community to people who might not usually use these kinds of services. They do counseling, community outreach, distribute school supplies to kids, and a variety of other community activities.

Adjourn

The Board thanked everyone for their time, reminded them to consider coming to the budget hearing and that they could stay for the meeting after if they wanted.

Thomas moved and St. Julian seconded to adjourn, motion carried.