

**Macon County Mental Health Board  
Board Minutes**

**Oct 20, 2022 5:30 pm  
141 S. Main St., Suite 601, Decatur, IL**

Board Members Present: Mr. Smith, Ms. Arnold, Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Rathnow,  
Ms. Dunn, Ms. Featherstone, Ms. Couri

Board Members Absent: Mr. Johnson

Staff Members Present: Mr. Macken, Ms. Shoemaker, Ms. Tangney

Guests:

**Call to Order**

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. Ms. Tangney recorded the minutes. A quorum was present.

**Public Comment(s)**

No public comment.

Mr. Smith welcomed our newest Board member Ms. Diane Couri.

**Approval of Minutes**

- 1.0 Mr. Smith presented the minutes of the August 18, 2022 Board meeting, asking the Board for any changes or comments.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Little ; Second-Ms. Arnold) “To accept the minutes for the August 18, 2022 Board Meeting.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion passed.

**Nominating Committee Minutes/Packet**

- 2.0 Mr. Macken discussed with the Board that we were fortunate to have two qualified candidates.

Board Action: n/a

**Budget & Finance Reports**

- 3.1-3.6 The financial statements, contingency report, budget summary and investment reports were reviewed and discussed.

Board Action: n/a

### **Contingency Account Proposal**

- 3.7 The request to increase the contingency amount the Executive Director is authorized to approve without Board approval is based on the increased cost of providing services related to behavioral health. This request will only change the maximum amount of contingency funding the Executive Director can authorize.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Little ; Second-Ms. Arnold) “To approve raising the maximum amount of contingency funding from \$3,000 to \$6,000 while keeping the total approved budget amount for contingency funds the same as approved by the board for FY23.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **MRI: Redirect Funding**

- 3.8 Macon Resources, Inc. (MRI) has requested to redirect \$55,000 to their Psychosocial Work program from their Center Based Respite program. The Center Based Respite program has not been fully utilized, while the Psychosocial Work program consistently costs more than the funding they receive.

Mr. Macken discussed with the Board that he felt more information was needed and would like to have this agenda item postponed.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Dunn ; Second-Ms. Little) “To postpone this agenda items until the December 15 2022 Board meeting” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **MRI: One-Time Funding Request**

- 3.9 Macon Resources, Inc. (MRI) has requested one-time funding for an unmet need to provide mental health counseling/therapy services for persons with both intellectual disabilities and mental health conditions. This funding will allow them to hire licensed staff to develop their new behavioral health clinic.

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Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Dunn ; Second-Ms. Little) “To postpone this agenda items until the December 15 2022 Board meeting” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **Hidden Victims: Budget Modification**

- 3.10 The Mental Health Board has provided funding to ensure victims and/or witnesses of violent crime have access to counseling/therapy for many years. The recent referrals of children who are victims of violence has expended the funded amount. An increase to the current budgeted amount has been recommended.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Arnold ; Second-Ms. Little) “To approve the proposed budget amendment to increase the Hidden Victims funding from the current \$6,287 up to \$10,000.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **Purchase: Remote Desktop Server**

- 3.11 With more staff working remotely more often, the current server is no longer as stable as it should be. Network Solutions recommends implementing a remote desktop server which will allow multiple staff secure and stable access to files.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Little ; Second-Ms. Hawkins) “The Budget & Finance Committee recommends to the Board to approve the purchase of the remote desktop server from Network Solutions in the amount of \$15,507.92.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **Director’s Report**

- 4.0 Mr. Macken updated the Board regarding the completion of the Mental Health Board’s annual audit; information regarding the building of an acute patient psychiatric care facility in Peoria; progress on the Carrie Lane housing development; and certification of Decatur as a Dementia Friendly City, a project that Board member Ms. Little and staff member Mr. Pansch have been working with CHELP to achieve.

Board Action: n/a

**Adjournment** 6:10 p.m.