

**Macon County Mental Health Board  
Board Minutes**

**Dec. 15, 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, Mr. Johnson

Board Members Absent: Ms. Little

Staff Members Present: Mr. Macken, Ms. Shoemaker, Ms. Tangney,  
Mr. Pansch, Ms. Roettger, Ms. Farmer

Guests:

**Call to Order**

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. Ms. Tangney recorded the minutes. A quorum was present.

**Public Comment(s)**

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

- 1.0 Mr. Smith presented the minutes of the October 20, 2022 Board meeting, asking the Board for any changes or comments.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Arnold ; Second-Ms. Hawkins) “To accept the minutes for the October 20, 2022 Board Meeting.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion passed.

**MRI: Redirect Funding**

- 2.0 Macon Resources, Inc. (MRI) has requested to redirect \$43,721.32 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.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Dunn ; Second-Mr. Johnson) “To approve the redirection of \$43,271.32 from the Macon Resources Inc. Center Based Respite program to their Psychosocial Rehabilitation program.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

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

- 3.0 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.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Dunn ; Second-Ms. Little) “To approve to award one-time funding to Macon Resources Inc for up to \$60,000 in order to hire a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts as the director of their proposed new Behavioral Health Clinic that would provide counseling services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and qualifying co-occurring mental health conditions.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **Program Assistant – Juvenile Redeploy**

- 4.0 The Juvenile Redeploy of Illinois (JRI) grant-funded program continues its work to serve youth who are at risk of incarceration. The State of Illinois has approved adding the Program Assistant position and has asked that funds be moved within the JRI program to fund this position. This position will contribute to the continued improvement of this program for Macon County youth and their families.

Board Action: (Motion-Ms. Arnold ; Second-Mr. Rathnow) “To approve the budget modification and redirection of \$20,000 from the subcontractor line item within the Juvenile Redeploy program specifically Heritage Behavioral Health Center’s allocated funds to JRI program operations.” (Ayes-8, Nays-0) Motion carried.

### **2023 Meeting Schedule**

- 5.0 Board members were given the 2023 meeting schedule as stated in our by-laws.

Board Action: n/a

### **Director’s Report**

- 6.0 Mr. Macken updated the Board of the draft of the annual audit to arrive soon; his attendance at the ACMHAI winter meeting and the presenters; as well as photos and an update regarding the progress of the Carrie Lane housing development.

Board Action: n/a

**Adjournment** 6:02 p.m.