**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEAL COMMISSION**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 22, 2016**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission Conference Room. The Meeting was called to order by President Bures at 7:00 P.M.

President Bures asked for the Roll Call.

Roll Call: Commissioners present: Bob Bures, Al Dorobiala, Christopher Getty, Colleen Kelly, Sophia Mallis, Bill Seith, Anthony Przeklasa and Steve Palmer. Commissioner Durkan participated via Teleconference Call

Absent: None

Staff Present: Ron Melka, Executive Director and Barbara Minneci, Administrative Assistant

Agency Directors: Ann Schreiner, Pillars; Mary Beth Hepp, Helping Hand; Diane Farina White, Community Support Services; and Alan Morales, The LeaderShop

Guests: Jessica Fese, Attorney, Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

**AMENDMENTS/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda was reviewed.

**A MOTION** was made by Palmer, seconded by Getty to approve the Agenda as distributed. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

**REVIEW/ APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 25, 2016 were reviewed.

**A MOTION** was made by Palmer, seconded by Przeklasa, to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting as distributed. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Minutes were approved.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Ron Melka, Executive Director, supplemented his written report, which was included in the Board Packet The Drug Free Coalition of Lyons Township is moving forward very actively. The Coalition has had interviews and collected data from 8 of the 10 Police Departments in the Lyons Township High School District Area, which is the first step in the Needs Assessment. They have also formed a Youth Task Force. Alan Morales has agreed to be one of the chairs for the Youth Task Force. In addition, a number of Bills were listed in Melka’s report and an explanation of each was provided. Ron also shared with the Commissioners the upcoming events of the Agencies and encouraged all to participate, if possible.

**AGENCY DIRECTORS’ REPORT:**

Ann Schreiner, from Pillars, thanked the Commissioners for attending the Gala and said Pillars netted $292,000 from the event and stated the generosity of the donors was humbling. The State of Illinois is participating in planning Grants. This comes out of “2014 Expanding Mental Health”. This process is interesting, noted Ann, that they are moving to have Community Mental Health Centers be structured for payment standpoint as Federally Qualified Health Centers. Pillars is taking a hard look at this whether or not Pillars will participate.

Diane Farina-White, of CSS, was in Springfield last week and met with many of the Republican Leadership who shared with her that the Governor has not disclosed anything regarding the Budget. Afterwards there was a Human Services presentation and Diane is pleased to report that RESPITE is in the DHS Budget. “Beat the Odds” event is on April 1st, she hopes to see all the Commissioners there. Also, the Chicago Canine Club business sale was finalized on 01/25/2016.

Alan Morales, of The LeaderShop, thanked Commissioner Seith for his commitment to the Pirate Party and his terrific pirate costume he sported at the Meeting. Alan also thanked the Commissioners for their support. Commissioner Seith, his wife Carol, Commissioner Bures and his wife Carol will all be in “jail” the night of the Party and they all hope everyone goes on line to donate to this worthy cause and help them get released.

Mary Beth of Helping Hand wanted to thank the Commissioners in advance for their support for the Gala on April 9 at the Hilton Oakbrook Hills Resort. Mary Beth also wanted to share with the Commissioners some of the struggles Helping Hand faces. One is work force shortage, they raised their wage $.25 an hour and for a 5 month period that raises their budget by $50,000 which they did not budget, also, two long-time residents are in Hospice and are expected to pass away within the next 6 months. Everyone has formed an attachment to them, so they are providing grief counseling.

Commissioner Bures also mentioned there is a monthly report from the Center for Independence Through Conductive Education and he urges everyone to go over there and see the work they do.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Please sign up for all the events that are happening at the Agencies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Agency Applications will be going out at the end of the month and due back the following month, March 31, 2016. A Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled sometime in April.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Treasurer Getty presented the Treasurer’s Report for February 22, 2016 as follows:

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2015: $2,550,106.90

Receipts during January 2016: $ 36,664.24

Disbursements during January, 2016: $ 379,758.85

Ending Balance as of January 31, 2016: $2,207,012.29

**A MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Kelly to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated February 22, 2016. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Hearing no nays, the Treasurer’s Report is accepted.

Ron informed the Commissioners that as of next month there will be an additional account listed on the Treasurer’s Report. The Illinois Funds Account is no longer eligible to have a Money Market Account as part of that Investment Fund. The Commission has been required under USBank to open up a general Checking Account.

Commissioner Getty referred to Ron regarding the CD information. Ron stated he has been checking the interest rates, however, the Banks cannot guarantee the interest percentage until the CD’s are almost due.

**A MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Mallis to give Commissioner Getty the authority, working with Ron Melka, to reinvest the CD currently at Standard Bank due 03/23/2016 in the amount of $179,393.66 at the best possible rate of interest. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**A MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Dorobiala to give Commissioner Getty the authority, working with Ron Melka, to reinvest the CD currently at Byline Bank due 03/27/2016 in the amount of $100,804.76 at the best possible rate of interest. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Treasurer Getty presented the list of twenty - two (22) Payables for the month of February, 2016 in the amount of $343,617.39.

Commissioner Palmer questioned the Commission on the item “$100.00 to Lyons-McCook Annual Dues” and asked why we are a member and what is our criteria as to how the Commission chooses which organizations to join. Ron explained the Lyons-McCook Business Association is a great place to network and promote Mental Health First Aid Training. and other events associated with the Commission. Commissioner Palmer would like to see the monies for these organizations be used to feed the homeless, the poor in the community, or some other Program. The amount spent on memberships will be reviewed in the Budget Process.

**A MOTION** was made by Przeklasa and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Payables Monthly Report dated February 22, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Przeklasa, Dorobiala, Bures, Getty, Kelly, Mallis, Seith, Durkan and Palmer. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Bob Bures, President Colleen H. Kelly, Secretary