



Peoria County Board for the  
Care and Treatment  
Of Persons With A Developmental Disability  
March 15, 2023

**Members Present:** Todd Baker Alyssa Newmister  
Cliff Laine Marvin Hightower  
William Hayes Dan Kelch

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Amy Roberts, Peoria City/County Health Department  
Patti Gratton, CWTC  
Brad Guidi, Camp Big Sky  
Julie Schifeling, Easterseals  
Doris Hayes, EPIC  
Ryan LaCosse, Best Buddies  
Becky Fredrickson, Peoria Park District  
Katie Van Cleve, HISRA  
Karen Haney, HISRA

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 am by Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker moved Introductions of New Boards from New Business up to the front of the meeting. The Board Members introduced themselves, as well as agencies in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2022**

A motion was made by Ms. Newmister to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Laine. Motion carried (5,0).

**Fiscal Reports and Summary**

Mr. Gulley was not in attendance at this meeting; therefore Mr. Baker reviewed their finances. Mr. Baker briefed the new Board Members on the funding sources. Mr. Baker and Ms. Newmister noted that they would be granting at least \$1.4 million in the next grant cycle to spend down the funds to the required 24% balance. Ms. Newmister made a motion to approve the fiscal reports and summary. Motion was seconded by Pr. Hightower. Motion carried (5,0).

**Old Business**

**Quarterly Review of Grants**

Mr. Baker asked the agencies to talk about what they're doing and give their announcements now instead of during Public Comments.

**CWTC** – Patti gave an overview of CWTC and their programs that are funded by the Care and Treatment Board.

**Easterseals** – Julie gave an overview of Easterseals and the program that is funded by the Care and Treatment Board. Julie also thanked the Board for their funding.

Best Buddies – Ryan gave an overview of Best Buddies and spoke about the programs in the area that the Care and Treatment Board help fund.

Camp Big Sky – Brad gave an overview of Camp Big Sky. He added the Care and Treatment Board funds them for two of their programs and discussed those programs and other services/activities they provide. He added that they have fundraisers and don't receive any state or federal funds. Brad thanked the Board for their support. He also added that they have a new Executive Director, Aaron Lohnes, but he was not able to make it today, due to car trouble.

EPIC – Doris gave an overview of EPIC reviewing their three programs that are funded through the Care and Treatment Board.

HISRA – Katie added that HISRA is back to fully staffed and noted that they have recreational programs and inclusion services. She reviewed other programs that HISRA offered, noting that the previous grant that was funded by the Care and Treatment Board was a fitness grant that they are starting back up.

Ms. Newmister added that the Care and Treatment Board provides funds for programs that are outside of what the schools provide and suggested the bylaws be sent to the Board for review.

#### Agency Visit Reports

Mr. Baker stated that the Board Members take time to visit the agencies four times a year. Ms. Newmister will work to make a schedule for Board Members to visit agencies. Mr. Baker stated that if that becomes too much, they can discuss that.

#### **New Business**

##### Introduction of New Members

This was moved up earlier in the meeting, under Call to Order.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Baker noted that they need to discuss the dates for the RFP. Ms. Roberts stated that if they follow last year's format, RFPs would be due May 3, 2023. It was noted that the Care and Treatment Board meets May 17<sup>th</sup>, two weeks later. During that two-week period, the Care and Treatment Board would review the RFPs and presentations would be made during that May Board meeting. Mr. Baker added that depending on the length of the meeting a vote could be made during that same meeting, if not at that time, the vote and would be at the next meeting, a month later. There was discussion around the actual amount to be awarded, Ms. Newmister thought it would be around \$1.5 to \$1.6 million, leaving around \$400,000 in the fund balance. Mr. Baker noted that he meets annually with the County Administrator about that balance. The new Board Members asked questions about the RFP process.

#### **Adjournment**

Being no further business, Ms. Newmister made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Laine. Motion carried (5,0).

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.