

Special BOARD MEETING
for the
MHDAS Board of Logan & Champaign Counties

January 15, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Robert Dean, Pete Floyd, Gwyn Stetler, Steve Terrill, Grant Varian, Mary Walker, Louis Fairfield, Reuben Mees, Ann Vogel, Emily Smith, Paul Waldsmith

Staff: Stacey Logwood, Tammy Nicholl, Scott Campbell, Jessica Rhoades

With a quorum present, Board Chair Varian called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and proceeded through the Agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nicholl requested amending agenda with addition of two items that need approval before the February meeting: 1) new Insurance Proposal from Hill & Hamilton and 2) request for third quarter advance from CCI.

Floyd motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Walker seconded motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

II. HILL & HAMILTON INSURANCE PROPOSAL

Campbell shared that information provided to him just before the last Board meeting was incorrect. The blanket policy will save the MHDAS Board \$1,044 compared to the current policy with the addition of three new properties. Adding to the blanket coverage, a \$1 million umbrella policy will cost approximately \$1,000. This would provide coverage for a total loss should a storm or other event cause damage to multiple properties. As a savings measure, Campbell suggests dropping the Employee Dishonesty Policy which was needed when the Board dealt with more cash and checks, but now so much of the reimbursements are completed with electronic transfer of funds and it does not seem necessary any longer. Dropping the Employee Dishonesty policy would be a cost savings of \$1,130. In total, the move to a blanket policy with a \$1 million umbrella and dropping the Employee Dishonesty policy, the proposed changes to MHDAS Board property insurance through Hill and Hamilton will save \$1,174.

Dean motioned to accept recommended Hill & Hamilton Property Insurance Proposal. Vogel seconded motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

III. THIRD QUARTER ADVANCE FOR CCI

Nicholl reminded board members of our agreement to advance a quarter of the allocation in the 1st and 2nd quarter of SFY19 to accommodate concerns for cashflow with initiation of the new BH redesign reimbursement system. If additional advancement of funds were needed they would need to request it after the 2nd quarter. In meeting with management staff of CCI, recently they are requesting that the Board approve a 3rd quarter advance in the amount of \$275,000. Not only is cashflow low at CCI, but they have to begin paying back the advances from Managed Care Organizations in January. Board members discussed the purpose of the funds are to pay for services rendered to “Board” clients, clients that either have no insurance

or are under insured. Members also discussed concerns of risks that may be involved with providing the advance prior to the merger of CCI and TCN and assuring that all advanced funding not drawn down in billable services be returned to the MHDAS Board prior to the close of CCI. Nicholl assured the Board that we are monitoring CCI's use of the Board's allocation on a monthly basis and the reason for requesting 90-day notice from TCN for the completed merger/acquisition is to capture any Board funding still remaining.

Terrill motioned to approve the third quarter advance to CCI in amount of \$275,000. Any additional advances will need further approval of the Board at that time. Dean seconded motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

IV. 2019 NEW LEVY CAMPAIGN

Nicholl reminded board members that the deadline to file with the Election Board for the May 2019 ballot is February 6th. Therefore, while the MHDAS staff have some projections of entities that will share the ballot with us, there are no final costs from either Auditor at this time. Nicholl shared that given what information is available, projected cost to MHDAS is approximately \$40,000 at this time.

Nicholl is recommending running the levy in May, even with the cost to put it on the ballot, in order to know if there will be levy dollars to support the program long-term prior to the start of next school year. This is necessary before MHDAS commits MHDAS reserve dollars to begin the program. Given the unknown needs that will accompany the CCI to TCN transition and potential increased spending under TCN, Nicholl suggests starting the first year with a "modified Care Team" approach. She suggests beginning with a two-person team in each county, and additional positions being added as levy funding becomes available.

Logwood described the Care Team diagram handout to help further explain the role of each person in the Care Team. She explained the role of each position in interactions with students, families and staff. Logwood shared that CCI is currently providing at least 1 day/week therapist in most school district in both counties. There are a couple exceptions where they have hired their own therapist position. And in those cases, the therapists are trying to meet many needs, not just clinical services. The Care Team model will allow therapists to focus on providing assessment and treatment, while the other Team members address remaining diverse needs. Board staff are recommending, in a modified two-member Team initial approach, that MHDAS prioritize expanding the current therapist capacity in the schools and add the Social Worker/Case Manager position. As levy dollars become available then bringing in the Prevention and Behavioral Support positions.

The membership had lengthy discussion on the current needs of the schools and their diverse methods for looking at ways to meet those needs. In spite of current level of services being provided, school administrators concur that they need more assistance to meet the level of need in their student populations. There was an agreement that including school administrators in the plan for addressing their needs is vital for building a model that will support their diverse needs and approaches as we build the program.

Terrill expressed need to use caution not to overlap services already provided so limited resources will be maximized. Terrill further shared his personal efforts with the schools in Logan County, particularly Indian Lake and Ben Logan, around the Red Flags program as a mechanism to fill gaps. He's also had conversations with the Champaign-Madison ESC about Red Flags. He suggested continued need to help schools understand available resources and where to best use their talents.

Nicholl shared that the ESC in each county may be able to be support the behavior support positions to focus on classroom environment issues, regardless of the levy. Logwood explained that the Care Team design was built to engage the schools by assisting them in meeting Every Student Succeeds Act standards. There has been a good deal of research and meeting with local school administrators to design the Care Team model as means of addressing the needs in as effective a manner as possible, with the limited resources available.

Varian asked for clarification regarding the timeline of implementation of the CARE team. Nicholl said if the May levy does not pass, implementation of the CARE team will not happen in the 2019-20 school year. If the May levy passes, the Board would commit reserve dollars to start the program in July 2019 with two positions (Therapist & Case Manager) in each county. Additional two positions would be added to each team as levy funding allows. Varian reminded the Board that the issue before them for approval is a resolution to put the additional .3 mill levy on the ballot in May 2019.

Varian presented Resolution L-2019-01: Resolution to Proceed with Submission of the Question of Levying an Additional Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation to Generate \$644,300.

Waldsmith motioned to approve the resolution as read. Stetler seconded motion. The motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 1 opposed, motion carried.

The following roll call was taken:

Waldsmith = YES
Walker = YES
Smith = YES
Vogel = YES
Terrill = YES
Dean = NO
Fairfield = YES
Floyd = YES
Stetler = YES
Mees = YES
Varian = YES

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Varian adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Rhoades

Grant Varian, Chair

Upcoming Meetings:

*PEAC Committee (special)
Finance Committee
Board Meeting*

*Thurs. January 22nd @ 4:30 PM
Tues. January 29 @ 7:30 AM
Tues. February 12 @ 5:00 PM*