

## COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

**PRESENT:** N. Petrillo, R. Wesley, C. Dutton, L. Dalton, K. Novacich-Koberna  
**ABSENT:** M. Holliday, M. Madison, J. Minner  
**OTHERS:** B. Lavite, S. Hansen, S. Mudge, K. Gamm-Smith, R. Werden, J. Parkin

**\*Mr. Petrillo chaired the meeting.**

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Wesley to approve the minutes from the August meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **VETERANS' ASSISTANCE:**

B. Lavite introduced Ms. Kris Gamm-Smith, Executive Director of NAMI Southwestern Illinois. Mr. Lavite explained that NAMI does suicide prevention training, has multiple facilitated groups, a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and NAMI Homefront.

Ms. Gamm-Smith said NAMI helps enhance and promote recovery for individuals with mental health challenges. She said they are always looking for ways to make the system more effective such as trying to divert individuals from jail that do not belong there and/or help the individuals that do. Ms. Gamm-Smith said they often evaluate their system to see what is working and what is not by collaborating with other agencies on new aspects and methods since 1 in 5 civilians and 1 in 4 Veterans deal with a mental illness.

There was discussion on different programs that NAMI offers; NAMI Basics, peer to peer and family to family counseling and NAMI Homefront. The RoE is implementing NAMI Ending the Silence in the school system for middle and high school ages.

B. Lavite provided his monthly report and said their main focus for the next couple of years will be on Veteran Crisis Response and Protocols and will be training Certified Recovery Support Specialist/Peer Support Specialist to work alongside of Law Enforcement. By November, the program will be operational in 1 city.

### **EDUCATION:**

R. Werden provided his monthly report and noted that the CEO Center in Troy now has 54 students. All the school districts are now in session and mentioned the challenges the Granite City School District faced regarding the flooding right at the beginning of the school year. The CEO school in Troy has a new Principal and had their first ever Open House on Friday. Mr. Werden also highlighted the Give 30 Program which has 73 total mentors now. He requested a copy of the most recent picture of the County Board to display in the RoE's Conference Room.

Discussion was held on vaping in schools and potentially passing a county wide ordinance regarding the issue.

### **MUSEUM:**

J. Parkin provided his monthly report and noted they are collecting bids for the restoration of the interior and the exterior. The paint removal project has stopped due to insurance matters but is set to resume soon. Mr. Parkin praised the Facilities Department on a job well done at the Weir House; supporting posts on the back porch shifted and were replaced. He attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Bethalto Military Veteran Homecoming as

well as the Highland Harvest Days Festival. The first Madison County History Week is next week which will feature artifacts and materials from different periods in history along with the presence of the Maryville Heritage Museum for a couple of days. A Chautauqua will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Edwardsville City Park. Volunteers are wanted to hand out programs and administer surveys for the Historical Society. In early October, Mr. Parkin will be speaking at some of the local schools.

### **CHILD ADVOCACY:**

C. Cohan was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her report via email.

“September 25<sup>th</sup> is our re-accreditation site visit. Accreditation happens every five years through our national organization, the National Children’s Alliance and is a team accreditation process. We anticipate it going very well! Our VOCA grant and DCFS grant were both renewed at the same amount as last year. Spend out of our Alton Women’s Home, Commerce Bank and Friends grants will happen this month to even out our Admin budget salary expenditures. Our Harvest of Hope Luncheon event is Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 at the LeClaire Room in Edwardsville. You can get more info on our website, [www.madco-cac.org](http://www.madco-cac.org).”

### **MENTAL HEALTH:**

Mr. Petrillo reported a candidate has been selected for the Mental Health Director position.

Ms. Novacich-Koberna moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays are being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: R. Wesley, C. Dutton, L. Dalton, K. Novacich-Koberna NAYS: None.

Mr. Wesley moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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