

## **COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

PRESENT: E. Harriss, B. Malone, N. Petrillo, L. Dalton, D. Moore  
ABSENT: K. Novacich, J. Futrell, C. Dutton, J. Minner  
OTHERS: B. Lavite, Dr. Daiber, C. Cohan, J. Roth, J. Parkin

Mr. Malone moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton, to approve the July meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **EDUCATION:**

Dr. Daiber highlighted his monthly reported. 119 new licenses were issued this past month. 218 computer based tests were given. 216 people were fingerprinted, which means 216 people taking a job in the schools. Dr. Daiber reported that there will be a special funding meeting with the superintendents and business managers on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the financial conditions. He also reported that the Regional Office of Education will be partnering with the Mannie Jackson Center and there will be a Madison County Stem Center in conjunction with the Mannie Jackson Center. It will be located next door in the older home. He also reported that there will be a book signing that he is hosting on August 30<sup>th</sup> for Bobby Collins.

### **VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE:**

B. Lavite handed out his monthly report to the committee. He highlighted specific areas of the report, the department took in 1025 office contacts, 1 new application was denied, 34 compensations claims were filed and 6 pension claims were filed. 21 new veterans have entered the transportation program. B. Lavite informed the committee that the DAV is still looking for drivers for the van. B. Lavite informed the committee that there will be a freedom festival in Alton on September 9<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the department is assisting with veteran's memorials in the Village of East Alton and Wood River in Belk Park. He also stated that two more illnesses have been added to the National List of Illnesses for Vietnam Vets who were exposed to asian orange.

### **MENTAL HEALTH:**

J. Roth informed the committee that the funding application cycle is now closed. 6 new agencies have applied for funding. She mentioned that the support group for people involved with someone who has overdosed they will start meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. She also mentioned there will be a Mental Health training along with St. Clair County Mental Health Board on October 27<sup>th</sup> on the Lindenwood campus in Collinsville.

### **CHILD ADVOCACY:**

C. Cohan reported to the committee that the center conducted 59 interviews in July. The renovations are coming along. The 4 waiting rooms are completed, the old storage room is now a training room. The kids fair was this past week in Alton. 200 backpacks were given out to kids. C. Cohan is scheduling interviews for the 3 open positions at the center. The 2 contracted positions partnered with Alternative Counseling are set to start September 1<sup>st</sup>. The new logo will be revealed at the end of the month.

**MUSEUM:**

J. Parkin reported to the committee that the museum has been closed now for almost two years. He informed the committee that he is looking for ideas for fundraising ideas. He would love to see it open late next year. He mentioned that there is a leak inside the building and the artifacts need to be relocated out of this area. It is not an easy task.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Malone, to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Malone, Petrillo, Moore and Dalton. NAYS: None.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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