

## COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

**PRESENT:** M. Holliday, M. Madison, N. Petrillo, J. Minner, C. Dutton, L. Dalton, R. Wesley  
**ABSENT:** K. Novacich-Koberna  
**OTHERS:** J. Parkin, P. Rudloff, D. Seest, R. Werden, B. Lavite, C. Cohan

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton to approve the October minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Doug Seest, a member of NAMI, spoke to the committee in support of the Stepping Up initiative.

### **EDUCATION:**

R. Werden provided his monthly Activities and Services Report to the Committee and mentioned a website that allows parents and students to view report cards online as well as other various types of data at [illinoisreportcard.com](http://illinoisreportcard.com).

#### **\*L. Dalton now present.**

Mr. Werden followed up on the youth vaping issue and reported the number of students vaping has seemed to decrease. He mentioned the in-school resources, local government and parental influences have all been a factor in pushing the message against vaping.

### **MUSEUM:**

J. Parkin reported the Community Capital Campaign Committee is struggling to raise money but mentioned \$141k has been raised so far towards the museum revamp.

#### **\*R. Wesley now present.**

Mr. Parkin mentioned that Madison Historical and the Historical Society are anticipating an oral history project aimed to preserve the stories of Veterans that will be available through Madison Online. Mr. Parkin also hopes he can put together a work shop for teachers regarding the practice of interviews. He voiced he has been meeting with other museums in the county, Madison County Museum Coalition, to plan events that will allow individuals to get their old photos scanned and placed on flash drives; this will allow the images to be portable and shareable as well as add to the county's collection. Lastly, Mr. Parkin spoke about the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the newsletter he is producing for teachers; the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue will be regarding progressivism.

### **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:**

C. Cohan reported the Harvest of Hope luncheon was in October that honored the YouthBuild Program at L&C Community College. She also announced 2 new board members, Crystal Uhe and Ray Wesley. Ms. Cohan mentioned they have been working on a committee to address SB456 which requires a protocol in place regarding sexual allegations of a vendor/employee/volunteer of a school. She said they are currently in the amendment stages of this law which will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The law will request schools to not interview the victim but will still allow the school to be involved in the case. Also, due to changed legislation, the Freedom of Information Act now considers CAC interviews exempt along with new training

requirements for mandated reporters. Alton Memorial Hospital held a service to honor victims of domestic violence. Ms. Cohan mentioned they are collecting Christmas supplies for holiday baskets and their 15<sup>th</sup> annual trivia night is on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cohan said they have spent out all of their grants and plan to come in under budget for 2019.

### **MENTAL HEALTH:**

D. Humphrey submitted her report regarding the Stepping Up initiative prior to the meeting which was read by Mr. Holliday. Please refer to the audio for details.

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

Mr. Lavite said they are working on preventative measures to keep veterans out of jail when it comes to mental crises. He said they are implementing remedies at the point of initial contact to keep them out of custody along with some of the aftermath of when they are put in custody and then mandated to do various things. Mr. Lavite said the week of Veterans Day was busy with attending 9 events. He also reported approval was granted to partner with Toys for Tots and Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. Lavite spoke about the different areas and offices that house veteran documents and mentioned he would like to start working with the school districts to collect veteran data (if applicable) at the time of enrollment. He explained that all of the different document holders help populate their veteran database which in turn will help them focus on areas in need of services. Mr. Lavite spoke briefly about NAMI Homefront.

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Mr. Wesley 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: M. Madison, N. Petrillo, J. Minner, C. Dutton, L. Dalton, R. Wesley NAYS: None.

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

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