**COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

**PRESENT:** J. Minner, R. Wesley, K. Novacich-Koberna, N. Petrillo, L. Dalton, M. Madison

**ABSENT:** M. Holliday, C. Dutton

**OTHERS:** S. Hansen, C. Ladd, L. Engleman, Dr. Daiber, C. Gagich, J. Parkin

**\*J. Minner chaired the meeting**

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton to approve the May 8, 2019 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

C. Ladd, Madison County Historical Society, gave an update on MCHS activities. She provided the committee with fliers and said the Eastern European Immigrants program occurred last Sunday. On June 30th, a program on New Philadelphia and the story of Free Frank will take place. Ms. Ladd passed out bookmarks that has a list of speakers for the year and a Trivia Night flier/application. Ms. Ladd mentioned that there will be various festivals around the County that will take place throughout the summer.

S. Hansen, Madison County Historical Society, spoke about how they are going to start collecting oral histories from Veterans. MCHS will be working with Brad Lavite and hopes to launch this program ASAP.

**EDUCATION:**

Dr. Daiber spoke about an article that appeared in the Telegraph covering the initiative between the Illinois Labor Council and Madison County Schools that are launching a training program in construction skills for Junior and Senior aged kids. Dr. Daiber said that 2 schools, Triad and Highland, have submitted their Memorandum of Understanding waivers; Edwardsville, Roxana and Granite City schools have also shown interest. The program is at no cost to the school or student; this is a 2 year commitment at 2 hours a day and will award 2 credits and 28 dual credits towards an Associate’s Degree in construction. There was discussion on what topics would be covered in the program; some of them will be framing, concrete, asphalt, demolition, blue print reading and building maintenance. Anything involving hazardous materials such as asbestos abatement will need to be sought for after high school. There was discussion on how to possibly add the hazards back in to bring awareness.

Dr. Daiber said to date, there have been 544 bus driver trainees. He said Rachel Lewis, the lead trainer in Madison County, has been asked by the Secretary of States Office to be a statewide trainer.

Dr. Daiber reported roof damage at the Granite City High School. The funding was approved for repairs and the estimated amount is upwards of $500,000.

Ms. Gagich attended the Directions Conference that was led by Brian Mendler.

Dr. Daiber reported that the testing center has issued 2,010 test and how it is self-supporting.

Dr. Daiber received a standing ovation from the Committee for his years of service and the members gave him well wishes during retirement.

**MUSEUM:**

J. Parkin mentioned that education and skills today seem to be leaning towards applied technology including computer science, book keeping and problem solving skills.

Mr. Parkin highlighted several parts of his report. He said Greg Kessler, a colleague of his who is working towards a Master’s Degree, has offered 100 hours to develop online resources through a Museum Studies course. Mr. Kessler brought up an idea of “pocket sites”.

On Thursday morning, Mr. Parkin will be talking to the Collinsville Kiwanis about WWI in Madison County. Last Wednesday, he spoke to the Edwardsville Police Youth Academy on Citizenship and Civics. Mr. Parkin also spoke about how the Brown Bag Round-Table event on Monday went well and the next meeting will be on August 5th. Mr. Parkin plans on providing a resolution for Madison County History Week next month and there was discussion on getting that on the agenda

Mr. Madison mentioned a new museum was built in Fosterburg. Mr. Parkin said he has been in contact with Mr. Bob Gvillo and has donated several items.

Mr. Madison noted that on behalf of his Grandfather, before dams were built, floods were not as persistent. Mr. Parkin voiced that there are several factors that would account for that and also the development of concrete, buildings and other impermeable surfaces.

**CHILD ADVOCACY:**

C. Cohan reported they completed the Erin’s Law prevention education assemblies in the Bethalto School District which reached over 2300 kids. She said the feedback was extremely positive and looks forward to doing it again next year.

Ms. Cohan said they are working on an updated protocol that law enforcement, DCFS, medical and mental health and all other partners will sign off on; the protocol will be presented to the Advisory Board and will be a part of the reaccreditation process. She said she has been gathering resources and learning about vicarious trauma which is the trauma that counselors get by working with victims of trauma. Ms. Cohan is trying to make sure the staff stays in a good mental state and is looking into a more formal debriefing practice after arduous cases. Dr. Lisa Goldman, Juvenile Justice, has offered to be a consultant and implement some methods.

Ms. Cohan received a stipend from the State Chapter and went to Washington D.C. for the National Leadership Conference. There were 800 Directors and Staff from CAC’s across the Country along with Illinois Legislators.

The VOCA Grant was approved for the same amount last year.

Ms. Cohan mentioned the recording equipment that was recently purchased will need to be replaced due to having a Windows 7 OS. She said she was not planning on replacing that PC but will get it done by the end of the year. Otherwise, all of their PC’s are covered through grant money provided by Phillips 66.

There was discussion on how the new fees and fines will impact the CAC. Ms. Cohan provided documents that reflected the amounts collected from various case types in 2018. As of July 1, the only fees that will be collected will be from Felonies and Criminal Misdemeanors. The amounts collected will decrease from $12 to $10. Please refer to the audio for Ms. Cohans report in detail.

Ms. Cohan provided a budget document that showed actual numbers of the CAC’s salaries and grants. She explained that not all grants are on the same fiscal years. The VOCA Grant requires a 25% match which is payed through mental health board money, salary/benefit money and in-kind rent. Ms. Cohan said that due to being a Government Entity, some grants cannot be written so they funnel and write them through Friends Arm 501c3. Mr. Wesley expressed that even though the fees being collected have been decreased, the funds will be available if needed through the General Budget. Ms. Cohan was made aware that before the changes took place, Madison County was not collecting as much as they could whereas other Counties were which will result in a bigger impact on them. Mr. Madison inquired how much fundraising is needed; Ms. Cohan stated that $25,000 is transferred over from their Friends account.

Ms. Cohan passed out booklets produced by the State Chapter that has information about CAC’s.

The 7th annual 1st MidAmerica Golf Tournament is September 13th.

**MENTAL HEALTH:**

M. Brooks was unable to attend but provided a monthly report to the committee.

N. Petrillo stated the President of the Board plans on interviewing and possibly hiring an interim.

**VETERANS’ ASSISTANCE:**

B. Lavite was unable to attend but provided a monthly report to the committee.

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: J. Minner, R. Wesley, K. Novacich-Koberna, N. Petrillo, L. Dalton, M. Madison NAYS: None.

Ms. Novacich-Koberba moved, seconded by Mr. Wesley to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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