

COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

PRESENT: E. Harriss, C. Dutton, B. Malone, L. Dalton, J. Minner, K. Novacich-Koberna, N. Petrillo, J. Futrell
ABSENT: D. Moore
OTHERS: A. Reinking, J. Roth, B. Lavite, J. Parkin, C. Cohan, C. Ellis, K. Prenzler

Mr. Malone moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton to approve the February meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED.

VETERANS' ASSISTANCE:

B. Lavite passed out his monthly report and was pleased to tell the Committee that the numbers in Veterans seeking counseling at the VAC has increased greatly with March being the 2nd highest month. He talks about how the counseling is one on one by appointment with Nathan Ferguson and is 100% free of charge to the Veteran allowing the Veteran to talk about anything and everything. Mr. Lavite says that many Veterans may think they don't need counseling or thinks somebody may need it more than them when in reality they are more than deserving of it. He also goes on to say that group counseling is also available and one of the largest groups is in Cottage Hills every Thursday from 10:30-11:30. There is a group at the River of Life Church on Fosterburg Rd, along with a group at the DAV in Granite City on Century Dr. Aside from office business, Mr. Lavite's co-worker, Devon Neal is expected to come back to work at the end of the month and there are 2 fundraisers scheduled to help Devon with medical expenses.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

C. Cohan presented her monthly report and was ecstatic to announce that the renovations at the CAC have been completed. She says they are expecting new furniture on April 5th curtesy of the FRIENDS Organization. Ms. Cohan says she is planning the Open House for June and welcomes the committee to come see the new space and meet the staff. She said that the staff is anticipating a busy spring with trainings and conferences and is really excited to make the center well versed in all areas of trauma. The CAC held a trivia night on March 3rd, resulting in 550 people. Ms. Novacich-Koberna asked Ms. Cohan if they utilized the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) quiz with the families involved in trauma care. Ms. Cohan explained that they do not use that method but is considering starting that approach.

MENTAL HEALTH:

J. Roth passed out several fliers to the committee concerning Child Abuse Prevention Month and a lunch and learn workshop on Adult Trauma. She says that the final draft of the Annual Report is finished and the committee should have received a copy of that prior to this meeting. Ms. Roth explains that she would like to have an open house event for the Shelter Care program and briefly goes over some different trainings going on in the area. One of the trainings she specifically mentioned was the Metro East Coalition Against Methamphetamine (MECAM) + Other Drugs Conference. The conference is April 18th and 19th in Belleville.

MUSEUM:

J. Parkin gave his report to the committee and highlighted that the dollar amount to be raised by the fundraiser is between \$500,000 and \$3 million. Mr. Parkin points out the URL links in his report for online exhibits and encourages everybody to go and look at them. He says they are currently trying to

clear out some of the collections and find new homes around the county for them. Some exhibits they are trying to rehome is a large crocheted 48 star American flag and a Cast Iron Stove that has history in Madison County. He asks the committee if they have any suggestions of places that may like some of the exhibits to have them contact him. Mr. Parkin goes on to say they are expecting to get some plaster and painting done along with bids on the electrical.

EDUCATION:

A. Reinking presented the committee with his monthly report and says they have started their compliance visits. Ms. Dalton inquired about how the "Give 30 Program" works following with a question from Ms. Dutton asking if County Employees were allowed to be mentors. Mr. Reinking briefly explains how the program works and that they are always looking for new mentors but is awaiting answers on whether a County Employee can participate in the program or not. Mr. Reinking also said that he would email the marketing flier to the committee so they can forward to interested individuals.

Ms. Novacich-Koberna moved, seconded by Mr. Minner, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.