

COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

PRESENT: M. Holliday, K. Novacich-Koberna, J. Minner, R. Wesley, L. Dalton, M. Madison, H. Mueller-Jones

ABSENT: N. Petrillo

OTHERS: B. Lavite, B. Cooper, J. Parkin, C. Cohan, C. Ellis, R. Werden

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Mr. Minner to approve the September meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EDUCATION:

R. Werden reported they continue to work closely with the Health Department on a weekly basis and said that most school districts have returned to in-person learning. Mr. Werden voiced how proud he is of student's during this difficult time by doing their part in following the rules and noted the CEO school in Troy has had 3 positive staff cases with 0 staff to student transmissions. He briefly spoke about a color metrics system that is in place and said October 19th will be the first day for the CEO students returning from fall break. Several schools will begin offering ACT and SAT tests again even though some colleges are not requiring them. Mr. Werden has been in coordination with J. Parkin and the MCHS planning virtual field trips at the museum. Mr. Werden gave the committee their monthly acronym list – Illinois Science Assessment (ISA), Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), Adaptive and Assistive Devices (AAD).

Brief discussion was held about the amount of experienced bus driver trainings/renewals along with bus drivers having difficulty seeing and driving safely with fogged up glasses from wearing masks.

COUNTY MUSEUM:

J. Parkin provided the committee with historical dates for October and reported they are making progress on opening the Museum and Weir House refurbishment. Mr. Parkin noted they have scheduled a cleaning for lead and other contaminants. They are also putting together a “small museum” with a chief exhibit comparable to an event that happened 100 years ago. The Museum had a soft opening last month as well as a hard opening a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Parkin said he will start calling volunteers' back, when they are ready, to start cataloging. Mr. Parkin also said he has been in contact with Mr. Werden and plans on putting together a 2 part webinar on how to use primary documents and also stated his aggressive attempt to stay on top of events happening across the industry and encouraged the committee to check out the professional development part of his report. Mr. Parkin concluded his report by giving an update on the Weir House roof.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

*Ms. Mueller-Jones entered the meeting.

C. Cohan reported the Center has been busier since kids have gone back to school and are around more mandated reporters. She also reported they have been coordinating with schools on how to present prevention education. Ms. Cohan goes on to say the 1st Mid America Credit Union Golf Tournament was

successful and will know a dollar amount received in December. Ms. Cohan spoke briefly about upcoming holiday baskets.

Ms. Cohan shared a couple of cases that have resulted in a conviction/plea. She also shared an Outcome Measurement Systems Survey (OMS) that stood out to her from a parent that commented on feeling safe and heard.

MENTAL HEALTH:

No report.

VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE:

B. Lavite shared with the committee that he tested positive for Covid-19 along with his wife at the beginning of September and shared their experiences. Mr. Lavite went on to speak about an outstanding VAC lawsuit and said he sent out a crisis program that showed what the money would be used for if a settlement occurred; the VAC will fund the program which will cost \$650k over 10 years.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Madison 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: K. Novacich-Koberna, J. Minner, R. Wesley, L. Dalton, M. Madison, H. Mueller-Jones NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The November 11th County Institutions meeting was rescheduled for November 12th at 3pm.

M. Madison shared with the committee frustration on behalf of an old friend that is going through a mental health crises who also has a substance abuse issue and stated that mental health resources and guidelines need to be readdressed. B. Lavite gave information about Mental Health Directives along with the Warm Hand-Off Program at Alton Memorial Hospital Emergency Room.

Further discussion was held regarding the Stepping-Up Initiative Resolution and the need to assemble a subcommittee to get the work underway. Through discussion, a subcommittee consisting of Heather Mueller-Jones, Mick Madison, Judy Kuhn, Mike Parkinson, Mike Holliday and several mental health members was formed. The first meeting will be held November 4th @ 3:30pm.

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

*Please refer to the audio for discussion details.

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