

Montgomery County 708 Board Meeting

May 14, 2018

The meeting began at 6pm at the Historic Court House. Board members present were:

Dan
Bruce
Brian
Chrissy
Earlene
Pam

All visitors are included on the attached sign in sheet.

The April minutes were approved by Earlene and seconded by Chrissy. Hillsboro School District members attended to present their application that was not received by the closing date. The last date for the applications to be accepted was March 31, 2018 and the schools application came on April 12, 2018. The school also received an email in January 23, 2018 to confirm the date the applications would be due. The school person reported that they had accidentally printed out the wrong year which had a later date. They reported that the addition of a school counselor was extremely positive and had hoped to continue. They presented stats from the past school year for sessions and visits.

The Board stated that there were no late applications last year. Chrissy stated that the mistake was understandable and she had mixed feelings and all the board members agreed. Earlene stated that if the Board allowed them to be late that others might try. The Board informed the Hillsboro School District of the reduction in tax money and if all requests were granted it could exceed \$800,000. The Board agreed that we should abide by the rules we had set. Dan made a motion to stay with our policy of not accepting applications after the due date of March 31, 2018. Chrissy seconded and all the board members agreed to deny the application.

The Board reviewed the TASC application and agreed to an interview.

The Board reviewed the application from UCAN and agreed to have an interview. UCAN was awarded \$25,000 from the first application and an additional \$10,00 from a seconded request.

The Board agreed to have an interview with SAAD but did question the amount on the application,

The Board reviewed the application for MCHD and will do an interview. MCHD will be purchasing Banners that will include crisis numbers for Mental Health Services and Emergencies. Talked with MCHD about the services for the Mental Health Nurse, Psychologist and the Psyc Nurse Prac. MCHD will have an interview for the CRC application for chairs and storage for AA and NA meetings.

Talked with Hugh S about the possibility of an additional counselor to the staff at

MCHD that could be in the schools in the county. There may need to be a special meeting at some point with MCHD and the schools to see what might work to increase Mental Health services.

The Board reviewed the Panhandle School Districts application and agreed to an interview.

The Board reviewed the Litchfield School Districts application and agreed to an interview.

The Board will grant an interview to the FAYCO application. FAYCO will be returning approximately \$30,000 from last year. The exact amount should be available by the next meeting.

The next 708 Board meeting will be June 11 and there will be 8 interviews. The Board is aware that the state tax multiplier should be known by then but the actual funding may not be until December and January.

All interviews will be to ask questions and gather information.

The current levy amount is .15 but it had been recommended from the County Board to lower it to .08. Earlene made a motion to leave the amount at .15 and that was seconded by Brian. The motion was carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Earlene at 8:25pm and was seconded by Brian.

Montgomery County 708 Board Meeting
June 11, 2018

The meeting was held in the historic court house and the board members present were:

Earlene R.
Bruce S.
Pam L.
Chrissy D.
Brian G.
Linda B.
Dan H.

See attached sign in sheet for visitors and presenters.

Following the pledge the minutes for May were approved by Dan and seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

The following applications were presented to the board:

1. FAYCO. The agency is asking for basically the same services, with the possible addition of a job coach and helping get more clients into the workshop program. The request is \$20,000 less than last year. FAYCO did not use \$30,000 from last years application. FAYCO is seeking \$194,000 this year. The Director was ask if the funding from last year was beneficial and responded it was extremely positive for services. Bruce made a motion to accept the application pending the amount of tax money that will be available. The board should have a better idea of the amount next meeting. Chrissy seconded and the motion was carried.

2. TASC. The agency is asking for \$6,500. They would like to have a safety project that includes window clings and trainings to alert first responders and police that there is a child with autism that may not respond to their presence. They were awarded \$8000 last year. Motion to accept the application pending on the amount of funding that is available was made by Dan and seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

3. SAAD. The agency is asking for \$50,000. They would like to start a program with Cornerstone and a teen challenge group. They have been trying to work with probation to assist in clients getting hours. They would still need to purchase books, provide Narcan training and establish a connection with Macoupin, Montgomery and Christian County. Bruce ask what would partial

funding do for them and they felt it could affect educational supplies, transportation needs and a part time person. Motion was made by Earlene and seconded by Linda to accept the application with the award to be determined by the amount of funding available. Motion carried.

4. UCAN. The agency is asking for \$30,000. The agency is continuing to work on the interior of the building. They provided pictures of the progress. The local law enforcement groups will be using the office for interviews. This saves time and money. They are asking for educational materials and a part time staff person. Montgomery county is losing their investigator so mileage will increase. Bruce ask what would happen if they received only partial funding and the response was there would not be a part time staff person. A Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Earlene to accept the application with the award amount to be determined by the amount of tax funds available. Motion carried.

5. CRC. The application is for \$3000 for storage, tables and chairs for the AA, NA and ST Patrick's celebration that are all held at CRC. Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Chrissy to accept the application with the award to be decided by the amount of funding available. Motion carried.

6. MCHD. The agency is asking for \$394,480. This would include increasing Psych services with additional RN and RN Pract, and Dr hours. The application includes a school counselor proposal for \$ 63,000. If the schools were accepting of this. That would make the application \$251, 000 if the counselor was not included. MCHD is purchasing billboards for sporting events, school hallways, and place mats with numbers for awareness for substance abuse and mental health services. Motion was made by Pam and seconded by Linda to accept the application with the amount awarded to be determined when tax funding amounts become available. Motion was carried.

A discussion of the value of a MCHD school counselor followed with the two schools that were present. Although they would appreciate a school counselor they are seeking funding for a different type of staff member. They were seeking a staff person that would go to the homes and do social and emotional counseling that includes the family. This would likely be a full time employee. The two schools' applications were reviewed next.

7. Litchfield School. The agency is seeking \$58,468 for a Social worker to

help serve 1400 students. They would like the employee to have trauma awareness training and be willing to do home based counseling. The focus would be on the primary school level. Part time would be considered. A motion was made to accept the application with the award amount to be determined when the amount of tax funding is available.

8. Panhandle School. The agency is seeking funding for a social worker that would serve the elementary level. The employee would need to be trauma informed and trained in sexual issues. They would work closely with the school nurse. The school currently has a store, provides meals over longer breaks, counselors and a part time social worker. The application is requesting \$51,835. A motion to accept the application with the award depending on the amount of tax money available was made by Earlene and seconded by Chrissy. Motion was carried.

Next meeting is July 9th. Amount of bank balance is \$88,631.54

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam and seconded by Linda. Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Montgomery County 708 Board Meeting
July 9, 2018

Members present:

Pam

Dan

Bruce

Brian

Earlene

Chrissy

Hugh from MCHD, Kim from FAYCO, Lynn from TASC and John Hannifin from the Litchfield newspaper were guests.

The meeting began at 6:00pm following the pledge.

The June minutes were read and approved. Motion to approve was made by Earlene and seconded by Chrissy.

TASC application was approved for a \$6500.

The SAAD application was reviewed and some reductions were made which included equipment, part time staff person, advertising, cleaning supplies and repairs to the building. Dan made a suggestion to reduce the amount of payment to \$35,000.

UCAN was approved for \$15,000 that would be used to cover costs of mental health therapy.

MCHD was awarded \$244,280.

CRC was awarded \$3000.

Panhandle School District was awarded \$42,420.

FAYCO was awarded \$194,000.

Litchfield School District was awarded \$55,000.

There was some discussion about reducing all the applications by 10% but the board decided against that, however, the board did decide to allocate only 93% of the applications requested amounts.

A motion was made by Dan to accept the above amounts and seconded by Brian. Motion passed.

Motion was passed to have all the applicants present a semi annual report with the first one being at the November meeting. Motion was made by Dan and seconded by Brian.

The board decided to have single payments made to CRC, UCAN and TASC in the amounts approved above. Motion was made by Dan and seconded by

Brian.

The board decided that MCHD, FAYCO, Panhandle School District, Litchfield School District and SAAD would receive Quarterly payments. Chrissy made the motion and Brian seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The next meeting will be August 13 at 6 pm at the Historic Court House.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:00pm by Dan and seconded by Pam.

Montgomery County 708 Board Meeting
Held in the Historic Court House Second Floor 6pm
September 10, 2018

Those present:

Linda B

Pam L.

Brian G.

Bruce S.

Earlene R.

Dan H.

Chrissy D.

One guest: Hugh S. from MCHD

Following roll call and the Pledge the minutes were read. Motion to accept the August minutes was made by Dan and seconded by Chrissy. Motion passed.

The treasurers report was given by Brian and on 9-5-18 the balance was \$356,208,31. This is the balance two days before the second installment of taxes are due. The second quarterly payments will be submitted to be paid in November. The amount is \$143,000.

The Board reviewed the proposed by laws and approved them pending the S A final findings. Motion was made to accept the by laws by Linda and seconded by Earlene. Motion passed.

The Board discussed that a one, three and five year plan needs to be presented to the County Board annually. The Board decided this report should be completed and presented around the end of the fiscal year. Motion was made to accept this change by Brian and seconded by Linda.

All 708 Board members need to complete the open meeting acts before the next meeting. The certificate of completion needs to be emailed to Bruce.

The secretary of the 708 Board will need to either make a copy or email the meeting minutes to Sandy L.

Hugh S. from MCHD spoke to the board about already providing services to

Hillsboro students in the school. The school will call if the student “needs someone to talk to,” but not for a crisis. If the student is above the age of 12 they can be seen 8 times without parental consent. MCHD will see children under 12, but the parent must give consent. The older children may receive additional counseling without the parent being involved if the school determines the parent is the problem.

The Board will invite the schools to the January meeting to talk about services that the Health Department is considering.

There will be no October meeting and the next meeting will be November 12, 2018 at 6:00pm in the historic courthouse.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm by Brian and seconded by Chrissy.

Montgomery County 708 Board Meeting

November 12, 2018

Historic Court House Second Floor

Those present:

Pam L

Brian G.

Dan H.

Bruce S.

Chrissy D.

Earlene R.

Linda B. (by phone)

Guests, (as listed on the sign in sheet) from FAYCO, SAAD, TASC, Litchfield School District, and MCHD.

Following the Pledge, the September minutes were reviewed and approved. Dan made the motion and Chrissy seconded. Motion passed.

The treasurers report was not available at the meeting time due to the court house being closed for the holiday. Brian will update soon.

The board discussed the open meeting acts review and whether the members need to be certified annually. The board will confirm with Sandy.

Julie from SAAD reported that the group is hoping on starting a program that provides free needles, needle exchanges, HEPC and HIV testing. SAAD is also planning to start a children's group in January to provide support. This will be an open meeting. The SAAD group reported staying within their first year's budget.

TASC reported the stickers were being redesigned to go on windows. They should be ready soon. They are continuing with regular meetings and activities. This includes sensory friendly movies and a Xmas party. The Hillsboro High School has started a new program for Freshman to learn and establish goals for transition from home after High School.

UCAN emailed an update that they were hoping for a December opening date. The director will be ask to attend the next meeting and bring some counseling stats.

Litchfield School District reported that they have been unable to hire a Social Worker. They reported that the School District has had multiple personnel issues. They requested that if they can hire a Social Worker in January could they use the first quarterly payment at that time? Earlene made a motion to hold the second and fourth 708 payment of \$13,750,00 each and revisit this in January. Dan seconded and the motion passed. The Litchfield School District will receive the first, (which they have) and third payment if they hire a Social Worker by the January meeting. The board will make an amendment to hold the second payment. If no Social Worker is hired the first 708 payment will be returned. Dan thanked the School District for their being responsible with 708 money.

Kim from FAYCO talked about a training that she felt would be beneficial to the county. The Board discussed the cost and who should attend. Dan made a motion for Kim to do further research on the training costs and dates and Earlene seconded. Motion passed.

The 708 Board members signed the by laws and the 1,3 and 5 year plan. These will be presented to the County Board tomorrow.

Bruce will be resigning from the board due to changes in his job. A motion was made by Earlene and seconded by Brian to accept Bruce's resignation. Bruce stated his last duty as president will be to invite all the groups that have been awarded 708 funds to the January meeting. The board discussed a possible new member. Earlene and Dan will be reappointed tomorrow at the County Board meeting. The board needed to elect new officers. A motion was made by Chrissy to have Dan become President and was seconded by Earlene. All other board members voted "I" and Dan will be the new president. A motion was made by Earlene for Chrissy to be vice president and seconded by Pam. Motion passed. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Chrissy for Pam to be secretary. Motion passed. A motion was made by Chrissy and seconded by Earlene for Brian to be the treasurer. Motion carried.

The scheduled quarterly meetings for 2019 will be:

January 7

April 8

July 8

October 7

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50pm by Earlene and seconded by Chrissy.

Brian was notified that the bank balance on November 28 was \$358,915.14.

Montgomery County 708 Board Meeting
December 10, 2018
Montgomery County Court House 6pm

Those attending:

Chrissy D.

Brian G.

Dan H.

Earlene R.

Kenny R.

Pam L.

Guest: Hugh S. from MCHD

Following the Pledge the November minutes were read and approved. The Board introduced itself to the new member, Kenny R. He joins the 708 Board as a Litchfield Police Officer with multiple years with Task Force and Undercover experience.

The schools have been able to apply and have been awarded 708 funds for mental health and social workers in the past. Dan has spoken to other 708 Boards that do not award funds to the schools for these positions. Those Boards will only partial fund the schools since they can levy for tax money. Brian reported the school where he is employed, the Social Workers do treatment planning and work with students on coping skills. They serve approximately 160 students.

The Board talked about not being able to fund all the schools. For example it would be nearly 50 thousand dollars, times three, this year alone. The Board does not feel it will be able to fund these positions. The Board talked about finding services for younger students and funding programs that could be done in the schools. The students for the programming would be 4th and 5th grades.” What do we as a Board want in the schools?” Should we ask “What do you need?” “What is your biggest need?” The Board named addiction, mental health, substance abuse and coping skills. The Board decided that the schools will be notified with a letter, suggesting they present ideas for funding and for preventative programs. The Board is hoping to have a few preventive programs to choose from for funding. Chrissy will draft the letter for approval, per email, to the Board and then send it to the school districts superintendents. The schools will be invited to the January meeting to present their ideas.

Hugh S. from MCHD continued to offer an employee for mental health

services to the schools. He reported that MCHD has been to Hillsboro High School only a few times, but has gone as needed. The school had ask for them to address students with emotional behaviors.

The bank balance is the same as last meeting.

UCAN will be ask to attend to discuss how they are using their funding.

The next meeting will be in the large court room in the historic court house.

The 708 Board will need a May meeting date of the 13th to discuss applications. On June 10th the applicants will present. On July 8th the Board will decide who gets funding.

At 8:00pm Chrissy made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Brian.