

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.