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February 11, 2008

TO: C. Ray Wierson

FROM: Lori A. Elam

RE: FY09 Budget Reduction Proposals for MH/DD Services as developed by the MH/DD Advisory Committee

The MH/DD Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 8, 2008 to discuss the FY09 budget and the need for a Plan of Reductions due to the lack of adequate funding from the State and the need to maintain a balanced budget.

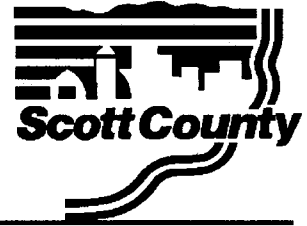
A few members of the committee expressed concern about the negative publicity the proposed cuts/plan of reductions generates. After much discussion, the committee agreed to move forward with the development of a Plan of Reductions for FY09 and also wants to develop visual aids for Legislators to show the impact of the cuts in our community. The committee is meeting again on February 18, 2008 to develop the Plan of Reductions.

The committee will be looking at ten possible service areas to cut. The county's FY09 shortfall is \$983,170. The committee was given the MH/DD Funding Talking Points, the summary page showing the history of the county's fund balance, as well as a summary page describing the county's FY08 and FY09 budget. I will have copies of the proposed FY09 Budget Reductions as developed by the MH/DD Advisory Committee for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 19, 2008. The committee members have been invited to attend as well. The agencies affected by the reductions are aware of the financial crisis and will assist in advocating for adequate funding.

The reductions will go into effect on July 1, 2008 unless additional MH-DD funding is approved by the legislature and Governor during this legislative session.

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RE: MH/DD Advisory Committee Members

The MH/DD Advisory Committee is currently made up of stakeholders in the service system including representatives of service providers and consumer/family/advocacy groups and citizen members. The members serve a three year term. Listed below are the current members.

Providers:

Area education Agency: David Quinn
Dept. of Human Services, Scott County: Mike Carthey
Case Management Unit, Dept. of Human Services: Barbara Robinson
Genesis Health Systems: Donna Hague
Handicapped Development Center: Nancy Martel
New Choices: Joe York
Vera French Community Mental Health Center: John Wagner

Consumer/Family/Advocacy

ARC of Scott County: Tina Harper
Autism Society: Mark Smith
HDC Boosters: Tom Crane
Mental Health Advocate: Rose McVay
Illinois/Iowa Independent Living Center: Marisa Aleman-Cantu
NAMI-Scott County: Jim Van Hyfte
Consumer Council: Lance Baker

Citizens

Oscar Hawley
Rev. Ronald Huber
Lolita Dierickx
Rita Watts