



708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF PIATT COUNTY

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708 Mental Health Board of Piatt County FY2025 Annual Report (December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025)

History, Duties, and Responsibilities

The 708 Mental Health Board of Piatt County (MHBPC) was established through a successful referendum vote on November 5th, 2024.

The duties and responsibilities of the MHBPC are subject to the Community Mental Health Act. The Mental Health Board utilizes its resources to stimulate the development and growth of needed services including preventative services, and to encourage and sustain effective and cost-efficient service options to meet the mental health needs of our county residents. The 708 Board members volunteer their time and expertise to administer the provisions of the Community Mental Health Act, Illinois House Bill 708.

The MHBPC allocates local tax revenues to local service providers that service Piatt County Residents. These agencies provide a wide variety of mental health services to county residents in the areas of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance use.

Meetings, Members, and Funding

The MHBPC meets quarterly at 8:30am at the Piatt County Mental Health Center's Board Room. All meetings are open to the public.

The eight-member Board includes the following members:

- Jessica Culp, LCPC
- Gail Jones – Piatt County Board
- Susan Lochbaum, Treasurer
- Michael Schroeder, President
- Tara Grabarczyk, Secretary
- Steve Keagle
- Dr. James Manint
- Ronald Weishaar – FOIA Officer

The source of funding for MHBPC is a tax levy collected by the Piatt County Board, who set the levy rate at .10% at their December 2024 Monthly Board of Directors Meeting. MHBPC submits an annual budget request to Piatt County Board for review and approval during County's Fall Budget process.

Nonprofit and governmental organizations can obtain written funding criteria from the MHBPC. For information, please contact Michael Schroeder, Board President, at mschroeder@dewittpiatthealth.com.

Fiscal Year 2025 Funded Providers and Highlights

In MHBPC's first year of operations, we provided funding to our local community mental health center, which provides services in mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disability to the residents of Piatt County. The following narrative briefly highlights each funded provider and their use of tax-levied funds in DeWitt County.

Piatt County Mental Health Center

MHBPC provided funding to The Piatt County Mental Center in three of its major programs: Mental Health, Substance Use, and Developmental Services for Piatt County Residents.

- Substance Use Programming – Funding was allocated to assist with capital improvement projects, staff development training, Prevention Education program expenses not covered by grants, accreditation costs, and other administrative expenses not covered by other payor sources.
- Developmental Services – Funding was allocated to assist with staff retention, staff development training, capital expenses to enhance transportation/safety, IT expenses, and other administrative expenses not covered by other payor sources.
- Mental Health Programming – Funding was allocated to use for staff retention, staff development training, to supplement the MH Medicaid loss for providing services to under resourced population, IT expenses, and other administrative expenses not covered by other payor sources. Lastly there are (2) new initiatives that will receive funding:
 - MH therapist to serve in the Monticello and ALAH School District
 - MH therapist to serve in (3) roles: MH support to local LTC Facility, support for Piatt County WIC recipients, and to handle additional intake capacity at PCMHC.

Jamie Boone Project

MHBPC provided funding to The Jaime Boone Project. This funding was used to provide J.A.M.I.E (Just Another Mental Inventory Everyday) bags to all 8th and 12th grade students in Piatt County. These bags provide mental health wellness tips, stress relaxation supplies, as well as resources to local/national mental health providers.

Marisa's Purpose

MHBPC provided funding to Marisa's Purpose, a local nonprofit that strives to provide education and support for youth and community members who are struggling with addiction issues or may need additional resources in their recovery journey. Marisa's Purpose provides an annual educational program for all Piatt County Youth, which is led by nationally-acclaimed speakers. These speakers educate young people on the dangers of addiction, provide them with resources, and also works with local parents and community members on some of the harmful issues related to substance use. These funds will be utilized to help cover the cost of the psychoeducational spots for youth in Piatt County.

Hope Lives Youth Ranch

MHBPC provided funding to The Hope Lives Youth Ranch, which provides equine-led behavioral health support to young people and veterans struggling with behavioral health and/or trauma-related issues. Hope Lives Youth Ranch is located in Lodge, IL and they utilize their ranch's space to provide care and support for young people, who may not respond well to traditional psychotherapy. MHBPC's funds will be used to help purchase equipment that will enable Hope Lives Youth Ranch to provide these care sessions to the youth in their newly-enclosed riding area.

Piatt County Library Mental Wellness Bag Project

MHBPC provided funding to secure mental/emotional health wellness bags for every single library in Piatt County. Each library was provided with (2) young family bags and (2) adult bags. These bags provided resources related to mindfulness, emotional literacy, stress reduction, and also contained referral directories for individuals who may choose to enhance their mental health treatment needs. These bags will be able to be checked out by local parishioners and intended to help support people in their pursuit of mental wellness. It is the MHBPC's hope that this will help improve access and mental wellness in all part of Piatt County, especially the more rural areas where additional support services are limited

Fiscal Year 2025 Revenues and Expenses (December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025)

• Revenue		
○ Income		\$624,860.24
○ Interest		\$0
○ Total		\$624,860.24
• Expense		
○ Administrative Support		\$ 25,000
○ Board Expenses		\$ 105.16
○ Website		\$ 379.40
○ Contractual/Professional Services		\$ 599
○ FY25 Grant Programs		
▪ Piatt County Mental Health Center		
• Mental Health	\$150,000	
• Developmental Services	\$100,000	
• Substance Use Services	\$ 50,000	
○ Hope Lives Youth Ranch	\$ 5,000	
○ Marissa's Purpose	\$ 5,000	
○ Jamie Boone Project	\$ 5,000	
○ Piatt Co Library MH Wellness Bags	\$ 3,885.41	
▪ Total FY25 Grant Awards		\$318,885.41
○ Accounting, Legal, and Liability Expenses		\$ 11,000
○ Total Expenses		\$355,968.97
	*Net Balance	\$268,891.27

**Due to FY25 being the first year of funding, MHBPC agreed to hold back a portion of the FY25 revenue so that they could distribute funding to awarded FY26 grantees at the beginning of the fiscal year rather than have awardees wait half the FY (June 2026) before they could rely upon support.*

Strategic Plan

The MHBPC identifies one and three-year strategic plans and goals to best support the residents of Piatt County.

One-Year Strategic Plan

- Continue to strengthen the MHBPC efficiency, commitment, and better define roles and responsibilities
- Look to grow the school-based and LTC-based MH program

- Look at communication initiative to combat SUD, MH, DD stigma within the community
- Develop and maintain a MHBPC Webpage
- Develop marketing material
- Participate in education and awareness campaigns with other providers
- Encourage and recognize providers
- Implement annual funding process
- Submit an annual budget to County Board for generation of levy supporting MH, SUD, and DD services
- Attend local coalitions and service provider networking meetings

Three-Year Strategic Plan

- Ensure that continuity and sustainability of the MHBPC leadership.
- Continue to enhance MHBPC orientation process
- Continue to examine the impact of Medicaid expansion and revisions a related to changes on population served by local funding
- Examine most effective communication tactics/marketing tools to combat SUD, MH, DD stigma and to raise awareness of local resources that serve in these types of programs
- Attend local coalitions and service provider networking meetings
- Continue to examine best financial management processes for investments
- Investigate possible partnerships within the community stakeholders on efforts to address early childhood intervention, trauma-informed care with first responders, and outward programs that serve both I/DD youth and adults
- Work in cooperation with providers of services for adults and children with substance use challenges/issues in identifying opportunities and obstacles in the changing treatment world.
- Continue to work with community stakeholders to address MH, SUD, DD issues that may be identified in Kirby's Community Health Needs Assessment, CPRD's Illinois Youth Survey, and DPBHD's I-Plan.
- Outline plans for the next MHBPC assessment
- Attend state-based meetings IDHS, DBHR, and ACMHAI to stay abreast of emerging opportunities and challenges to the MH, SUD, and DD fields.

Lastly, we are quite proud of the recent development of our website. This site will contain information about our funding, strategic planning, board membership, and many other helpful resources as we move forward. Please feel free to visit www.708piatt.org to learn more.