

**Elgin Township
Mental Health Board
729 S. McLean Blvd.
Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 11, 2021**

Pursuant to Illinois Executive Order 2020-07 and 2020-33 signed by Governor Pritzker on March 16, 2020 and April 30, 2020, respectively, some members of the Township Mental Health Board are lawfully attending this meeting via video conferencing.

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Board President Franklin Ramirez

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members present: Franklin Ramirez, President – Not present after Pledge
Karen Beyer, Vice President – chaired meeting
Kate McCormack
Danise Habun
Suzanne Rozycki
Misty Javan
Shirley Bassett

Quorum established.

- II. Recognize Public Comments: Vern Tepe informed the Board of a new committee established by the Kane County Board. New committee has 6 members under the Mental Health Division. The focus will include court diversion program with state's attorney as well as partnering with Elgin Police Department. It is important for our Board to be aware of these activities.

- III. Motion to approve minutes of February 11, 21021 meeting made by Danise Habun and seconded by Karen Beyer with correction of Danise Habun's name; unanimous approval of minutes.

- IV. Old Business:

1. Needs Assessment
 - a. Danise reported on the needs assessment input thus far.
 - 16/32 surveys have been returned
 - Primary unmet needs are housing/none or limited insurance and substance abuse treatment.
 - Report will be updated as additional surveys are returned
2. Strategic Planning
 - Tabled this topic due to presentation by Scott Block

- V. New Business:

1. Presentation – Scott Block, Exec Director McHenry County Mental Health Board. (9 people on staff)
 - a. Activities focus on top priorities of consulting, planning, funding and evaluating
 - b. Critical procedure elements are:
 - Funding guidelines – Who should be funded, what can be funded
 - Contractor Expectations – Audit policies
 - Funding Allocation Process – Must be clear

- c. Activities
 - Community meetings – town halls
 - Email surveys
 - Standing meetings
 - Full day retreat – annually
 - Funding decisions made in an open meeting annually
- d. Allocation of Funds
 - 50-60% allocated based on priorities
 - Gaps are identified and are considered for funding
 - Dollars are held back for emergency funding
- 2. Presentation – Gil Feliciano , Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin
 - a. Promotes substance abuse prevention
 - b. Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- 3. Presentation – Winfried Cooper, Elgin Human Relations Commission
 - a. Focus is to communicate mental health issues in May
 - b. Email address: winfriedcooper@gmail.com
 - c. Mental Health Board will determine resolution at April meeting for implementation in May

VI. Open Discussion

There being no further new business before the board, Karen Beyer moved to adjourn, motion was seconded by Danise Habun and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next regular monthly meeting to be held April 8, 2021 at 6pm at Township Offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Rozycki
Secretary