

708 Community Mental Health Board Meeting
729 S Mclean Blvd, Elgin, IL
Meeting of April 19, 2023 Minutes

The meeting of the Elgin Township 708 Community Mental Health Board was held in the lower level of the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Sosnowski at 7:05 p.m. Chairman Andrew Sosnowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioners Michelle Diaz, Suzanne Rozycki, Chairman Andrew Sosnowski, Vice Chairman Michael Warren, Secretary Farrah Stephen, and Trustee Alex Lopez, were present Mr. Blaine Miner was absent. **Quorum was established**

Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked everyone again for their hard work on completing the needed documentation for the board. He also reminded everyone that we would be having speakers from various local mental health organizations speak at the next couple of meetings.

A. Presentations

1. Bernadette May/ Family Services Association of Greater Elgin- She presented a powerpoint presentation that is available for review. The organization provides a full array of comprehensive, outpatient mental health services, that include outpatient therapy, screen assessment, and support, school-based therapy, mental health juvenile justice, and community mentoring An item of note is that this organization services two areas that they have identified as gaps in service in the areas. These include working with populations that are underinsured and providing preventative care.

2. Deb Howe/ Ecker Center for Behavioral Health- She presented a powerpoint presentation that is available for review. They are a behavioral health organization that offers an array of comprehensive services for youth, adolescents, and adults. These services include services for those in crises, residential programs, a wide variety of psychiatric and mental health services, services for substance abuse and gambling, and a variety of other programs and services.

Items of note include that they utilize two types of state grants. One being a "Fee for Service" grant where they provide a service and are reimbursed for it. The other kind is an "Expensed Based grant" which is very structured and detailed on how the funds can be spent.

B. Approval of Minutes- March 13, Regular 708 CMHB Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Warren to approve the March 13th minutes as presented. Ms. Michelle Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

C. Old Business

1. Needs Assessment Update- The assessment will go out to 1800 residents with the hope that at least 500 residents will respond. Chairman Sosnowski will be creating a letter that will go along with the survey to explain the purpose of the survey.

D. New Business

1. Planning and By-Law Committee Appointments- Mr. Sosnowski announced that he would invite Suzanne Rozycki to lead this committee, with Ms. Michelle Diaz and Mr. Blaine Miner to be members. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Warren to approve these appointments. Ms. Michelle Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

2. Finance Committee Appointments- Mr. Sosnowski announced that he would invite Vice Chairman Michale Warren to lead this committee, with Ms. Farrah Stephen and Trustee Alex Lopez to be members. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Warren to approve these appointments. Ms. Michelle Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

E. Board Member Comments

- Amanda Teachout will work with the township administrator Ms. Jeanette Mihalec to get the Elgin Township website updated to include information about the 708 Mental Health Board.
- Brudele reminded the board that there is an upcoming First Aid for Mental Health class coming up that he is inviting them to attend.

F. Recognize Public Comments- None

E. Announcements- The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123.

G. Adjournment/Recess: Chairman Sosnowski moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Mike Warren. The motion carried 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Farrah Stephen

Farrah Stephen, Board Secretary

Date