

708 Community Mental Health Board Meeting  
March 29, 2024 Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Sosnowski called the meeting to order at 7:02 and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Alex Lopez, Mike Warren, Andrew Sosnowski, Suzanne Rozycki, Blane Miner. Not present, Farrah Stephen.

Chairman's Report: Chair Sosnowski encouraged the Mental Health Board to sign up for the upcoming Narcan Training sponsored in part by the Elgin Community Mental Health Board.

Approval of Minutes-January 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting: Trustee Lopez moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2024 as presented and Mr. Miner seconded the motion. Chairman Sosnowski asked for a vote and the motion passed.

Recognize Public Comments: Lore Bake, the Executive Director of AID addressed the Board and stated she believes the Kane County Clerk is incorrectly interpreting the Community Mental Health Act and that local providers and citizens are considering legal action. Mary McCarty, a resident of Elgin Township, addressed the Mental Health Board and shared that she volunteers at the winter shelter in Elgin and the shelters are in great need.

Old Business-Committee Updates: None

New Business:

Supervisor's Update: Supervisor Bruderle addressed the Board and shared that the Kane County Clerk will not release the funds to the Community Mental Health Board and has a meeting scheduled for the following day. The Supervisor also shared that he had contacted the State's Attorney and the local representatives. He also shared the Treasurer of Kane County has agreed to separate the Mental Health Board on the tax bill, creating awareness and hopefully a fundraising opportunity. Supervisor Bruderle also shared an option he has been exploring regarding approaching Kane County Board for a portion of the remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds to use to fund providers. Supervisor Bruderle also shared that legislation would not fix the issue in time for this tax year, but is working with Representative Ness on a legislative fix for the future. He also wanted to let the Community Mental Health Board know that Elgin Township cares and is dedicated to the cause. He asked for questions. Ms. Rozycki asked about legal barriers and if litigation was on the table. Chairman Sosnowski thanked the Supervisor for his work and efforts in trying to help. The Supervisor said he wanted to meet with the County Clerk and felt that litigation

would draw the matter about further. Mr. Sosnowski requested a report on the meeting with the Kane County Clerk so the Mental Health Board could make a recommendation.

Planning Committee Update: Ms. Rozycki shared about the work of the planning committee. She presented a draft funding application and talked about the process to create it. She also shared the desire to create a scoring tool once applications were complete.

Bill Paying: Mr. Miner moved to pay the bills and Ms. Rozycki seconded the motion. Ms. Teachout shared that she would seek the final draft of the Needs Assessment. Ms. Rozycki asked about the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois Membership bill. Ms. Teachout encouraged the Board to wait until the new fiscal year to pay that so they are not paying two memberships on one budget. Ms. Sosnowski asked for a roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments: None

Announcements: The next Mental Health Board is April 17, not April 25 as marked. Mr. Bruderle mentioned the meeting would need to be in a different room, as the current room is already booked.

Adjournment: Mr. Miner moved adjourn at 8:05 and Trustee Lopez seconded. The meeting adjourned.