

708 Community Mental Health Board Meeting
729 S Mclean Blvd, Elgin, IL
Meeting of May 6, 2024 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 7:02 p.m. Secretary Farrah Stephen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Blaine Miner, Chairman Andrew Sosnowski, Vice Chairman Michael Warren, Secretary Farrah Stephen. **Quorum was established**

Chairman's Report:The Chairman reported that it is highly likely that Kane County will be awarding the Elgin Township Mental Health 708 Board (Board) with 500,000. He shared that this will be allocated through ARPA funds.Right now the consideration is at the committee level. The Chairman also reminded us that we still only have five Board members with room for seven. He shared that when the Supervisor returns there will be a continuation of the review of resumes from the past and a possible request for additional applications.

- A. Approval of Minutes-** The minutes approval was made by Mr. Miner to approve the April 17, 2024 minutes. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
- B. Recognize Public Comments**

Vern Tepe of Kane County Board District 22 spoke. He is also on the ARPA board and was very involved with working on the referendum that passed 4 years ago.He said that the ARPA fund have additional fund management paperwork that will need to be completed and thus he will be voting to oppose giving the Board funds as the board has no experience in the administration of funds. He suggested the board request money from Elgin Township to gain general experienced with managing funds before taking on a project of this size.
- C. Old Business**
 1. Discussion of Community Connections-Chairman Sosnowski shared that he had been approached by Shirley Bassett of the African American Coalition of Kane County (AACKC) about participating in a Black Mental Health event.He shared that he was interested in supporting this event.
- D. New Business**
 1. Approval of Sponsorship of African American Coalition of Kane County Mental health Wellness Workshops- Chairman Sosnowski shared that he and Secretary Farrah Stephen would be attending this event and sharing with the community details about the Board and hopefully receiving some input from leaders in this organization.

2. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Mental Health Board Strategic Plan- The Board will pause planning until we find out if the ARPA funds will be disbursed to it.

3. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Community Mental Health Board Amended Budget- The Board will pause planning until we find out if the ARPA funds will be disbursed to it.

4. Discussion of Kane County Health Department Notice of Funding Opportunity- It was discussed that this Notice of Funds may not be appropriate for the Board at this time as it is a reimbursement program. Additional information included wanting to know the timeline, the reporting process, and restrictions. Mr. Mike Warren motioned that the Board put in a request for more information. Mr. Blaine Miner seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

5. Discussion of Next Meeting Dates- It was decided that the Board would meet June 12, 2024.

D. Board Member Comments (if any)

Mr. Blaine Miner reported that he would need to resign from his position due to other obligations. He was thanked and given wish for a successful future.

E. Announcements- The next regular meetings is set for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123.

G. Adjournment/Recess: Secretary Farrah Stephen moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:44.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Farrah Stephen

Farrah Stephen, Board Secretary

Date