

708 Community Mental Health Board Meeting
729 S Mclean Blvd, Elgin, IL
Meeting of Jan 17, 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 7:00 p.m. Secretary Farrah Stephen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioners Blaine Miner, Suzanne Rozycki, Chairman Andrew Sosnowski, Vice Chairman Michael Warren, Secretary Farrah Stephen, Trustee Alex Lopez were present.

Quorum was established

Chairman's Report: The Chairman did not have any updates.

A. Approval of Minutes- .A motion was made by Mr. Warren to approve the minutes. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

B. Recognize Public Comments
None given.

C. Old Business

1. Update of Recommended Tax Levy. The levy had not been approved or disapproved, however, there are many people working on this process. Supervisor spoke with Representative Susanne Ness about agreeing to sponsor a legislation change. It appears that the best outcome would be for legislation to say that the Mental Health Act does not have to follow PTEL. The second best outcome would be for the legislation to say that PTEL and the Mental Health Act do not merge until after 4 years of a 708 board's start up. The earliest expected time for any updates is mid-March. Due to this, Trustee Lopez motioned to cancel the February 21 meeting. Mr. Miner second the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. The next meetings will be March 20, April, 17, May 15, 2024.

2. Finance Committee Update

There is no request for payment from the township right now. They will wait until after the levy confirmation for their repayment.

3. Planning and By-Laws Committee Update

The committee is working on creating an application for organizations to fill out to request money to help fund their services. The board brainstormed ideas for how to best allocate the money when the time arises and it was suggested that a scoring tool be created. The logo design created by Ms. Michelle Diaz was presented and Trustee Lopez suggested some design changes. The changes will be implemented and the logo will be presented again at a later date.

4. Approval of Fiscal Year 24-26 Strategic Plan. Trustee Lopez moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2026 Strategic Plan as presented. Mr. Miner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

5. Approval of Needs Assessment- Mr. Warren motion to approve the needs assessment dated October 2023. Mr. Miner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

D. New Business

1. Approval of Sponsorship of Narcan Training- The training will be done in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Elgin. It is free to attend. Chairman Sosnowski motioned to sponsor the Narcan Training. Mr. Miner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

2. Discussion of SAMHASA grant. Secretary Stephen and Ms. Teachout reviewed the requirement for the grant. They both determined that the requirements are extensive and that there is not enough time to prepare a grant and gather the requirements at this time. They recommended forgoing this grant application this time.

3. Financial Statements and Bill Paying- Mr. Warren reported that there are no bills to be paid at this time. Mr. Miner motioned to accept the financial statement. Ms. Rozycki seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

4. Consideration of Amended Proposed Meeting Dates of 2024- This was completed earlier in the meeting and noted above.

D. Board Member Comments (if any)

Chairman Sosnowski noted that the board is still down a board member and can add another member to bring the count back up to seven. He suggested waiting until the levy passes before getting a new member. He also noted that some current board members' terms would be ended soon and it was determined that Secretary Stephen's and Mr. Miner's two year term would end July 11, 2024.

E. Announcements- The next regular meetings is set for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123.

G. Adjournment/Recess: Mr. Miner moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Secretary Stephen. The motion carried 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Farrah Stephen

Farrah Stephen, Board Secretary

Date