

708 Community Mental Health Board Meeting
729 S Mclean Blvd, Elgin, IL
Meeting of August 21, 2024 Minutes

The meeting of the Elgin Township 708 Community Mental Health Board (Board) was held in the lower level of the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Michael Warren at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Michael Warren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing In: Farrah Stephen was sworn back into her position in the 708 Board. Three new board members were sworn in. They are Mr. Ed Dring, Ms. Sylvia Schrage, and Mr. Michael Kenyon.

Call: Vice Chairman Michael Warren, Secretary Farrah Stephen, Mr. Ed Dring, Ms. Sylvia Schrage, and Mr. Michael Kenyon were present, along with consultant Ms. Amanda Teachout. Chairman Andrew Sosnowski and Trustee Alex Lopez were absent. **Quorum was established**

Vice Chairman's Report:- Mr. Michael Warren welcomed the new members to the board and let them know the board was looking forward to working with them. He reviewed the past history of the board and reminded everyone that the funding through the level had been paused due to legalities. However, he stated that it was looking positive that the board would receive the 1.4 million dollars next year through the levy. Recently the board did receive 500,000 from Kane County through the ARPA program with the help of many members of the board and especially Ms. Teachout. He shared that Ms. Teachout and Secretary Stephen have reviewed the applications and made recommendations for which organizations and the amounts that each organization should receive. These amounts will be stated in the Elgin Township Mental Health Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Funding Memorandum. Mr. Warren thanked Ms. Teachout, Secretary Stephen for their work and Ms. Jeanette Mihalec Elgin Township Administrator, Elgin Township Supervisor, Mr. Bruderle, the Kane County Board, and the agencies that submitted applications. Each old and new board member introduced themselves.

A. Recognize Public Comments-

- Ms. Andrea Johnson-Williams of Elgin. She is the Executive Director of Jeannie's House of Hope. She shared that she is also a Pastor in the community. She stated that Jeannie's house of hope is a new organization but the work that they do has been going on since she was a child under her father and mother, for whom the organization is named. She shared that music is a tool their family has used since 1995 to build up young people and help foster their mental health. She emphasized that she wants to take this grass root idea and establish it fully into the community.
- Mr. James Becker a 12 resident of Elgin. He shared that he is a member of the Elgin Township Youth Committee and he hopes to work with more organizations in the community and get more youth involved.
- Ms. Deadra Trout of Elgin. She works for AID. She shared that she is grateful that the concerns of mental health are being acknowledged in the community.

- Mr. Ken Bruderle- Elgin Township Supervisor. He stated that he wanted to publicly thank the Board for doing a fantastic job. He shared that this board had been responsible for helping make legislation that will change the law for every mental health board in the future. He also thanked Mr. Kenyon, and Kane County Board members who worked hard to get the ARPA grant money for this 708 board.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024. Vice Chairman Michael Warren motioned to approve the minutes. Secretary Farrah Stephen seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**
2. Special Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2024. Vice Chairman Michael Warren motioned to approve the minutes. Secretary Farrah Stephen seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

C. Review/Approval of Financial Statements As Of July 31,2024- Vice Chairman Warren moved to approve the financial statements. Mr. Kenyon seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**

D. Unfinished Business

1. Review & Audit Bills/Funds- There are currently no bills

E. New Business

1. Discussion of Board Structure- Our board currently consists of the main board members and two committees, the Finance and the Planning and By-Laws Committee. Our goal has been to follow the strategic plan and to move forward slowly and steadily. Our fiscal year is April 1st to March 31st
Funding is through a statue that Elgin Township board approves which is then given to the assessor. The 708 Board recommends the amount in October and gives it to Elgin Township for approval in November. The first installment of the levy is in June of the next year and the 708 Board gets money in July.
2. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Funding Awards- ARPA funds needs to be decided on and in agencies' budgets by Dec 31. Ms. Schrage motioned to approve the motion. Mr. Kenyon seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0-0.**
3. Discussion of Action Steps for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2025- For the remainder of the year the board will look at ratifying the levy amount, get feedback from grant recipients, review the annual report and look at Year 2 planning.

F. Other Business- Association of Community Mental Health Tri-Annual Meeting, December 5-6 at Schaumburg Hyatt Regency Hotel. Ms. Teachout stated that anyone interested in attending can let her know.

G. Board Member Comments (if any)-None

H. Announcements- The next regular meetings is set for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123.

I. Adjournment/Recess: Mr. Mike Warren moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Secretary Stephen.**The motion carried 5-0-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:59.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Farrah Stephen

Farrah Stephen, Board Secretary

Date