

AGENDA
708 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
April 16, 2025
7:00 PM Elgin Township Offices, Lower Level
729 S McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL

Join Zoom meeting by computer:

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Andrew Sosnowski, Mike Warren, Ken Bruderle, Mike Kenyon, Ed Dring, Sylvia Schrage –not present,
Farah Stephen—Amanda Teachout to take minutes

Chairmen’s Report-1. Mr. Sosnowski recongized the change in administration at the Township, recognized Supervisor Bruderle for his hard work for the mental health board and the Township trustees. Mr. Sosnowski welcomes new Board members and new Supervisor Tepe and thanks them for their leadership. EMHB has distributed over half of the ARPA funds, three agencies have exhausted their awards, MHB has released statement of qualifications for legal representation due April 30, discussing ways to partner with Kane County...new applications will be released in spring and awards will be made late summer. Exploring purchasing some grant software in partnership with Elgin Township.

A. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2025 -Mr. Kenyon moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2025 to approve and Mr. Bruderle seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

B. Approval of Financial Statements –Financial statements were not yet available. Mr. Kenyon motions to postpone the approval until the next meeting and Mr. Dring seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Recognize Public Comments-(3 Minutes per person/15 minutes max comment period)-none.

D. Presentation-City of Elgin Homeless Response Coordinator-Jena Hencin joined City of Elgin 6 months ago to address Tent City. The fires that occurred moved the timeline and the City secured ARPA funds to temporarily house 39 people in the Lexington Hotel. The Programmatic expectations are to see each resident once a week and work with case manager to plan for future. Pets are allowed. Over time, additional security was implemented. Mr. Sosnowski asked if this solved homelessness. Ms. Schrage asked if all the guests were in the same section. Mr. Warren asked about what is on the horizon for homelessness in Elgin. Ms. Hencin shared that to solve the problem, it will come down to the case managers and service providers. Mr. Warren followed up with having a bunch of smart people come together to decide how, create a vision, and find the funding. Jena says she would like training for landlords that behaviors are symptomatic of illness—community training. Landlord fair is occurring at end of April—rapid rehousing-short term subsidies and PSH. Ms. Hencin would like to create a damage fund for landlords, Other needs include transportation for food, and people. Shelter Aversion...divert people away from Shelters..need transportation to families. Mental Health Services-funds for case managers and staff, outreach supportive services, Mr. Dring asked how many at the Lexington were employed and about human trafficking.

E. Old Business- None

F. New Business

1. Committee Chair Appointments-Mr. Sosnowski shared that Farah has submitted her resignation as the chair of the Planning Committee, Mr. Sosnowski appointed Mr. Dring to the Committee Chair-Mr. Bruderle nominated Mr. Dring to Planning Chair, Mr. Kenyon seconds, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval to Enter into Agreement with Elgin Township to Purchase Foundant Software- Mr. Warren moves to enter into agreement with Elgin Township to purchase software as described in memo and Mr. Kenyon seconds the motion. A roll call occurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sosnowski:Yes

Mr. Kenyon:Yes

Ms. Schrage:Yes

Mr. Warren:Yes

Mr. Bruderle: Yes

Mr. Dring:Yes

G. Board Member Comments (If any) Mr. Bruderle shared that Mr. Dring lost his sister and expressed condolences. Mr. Kenyon shared concerns about violence among the youth. Mr. Warren thanked Mr. Bruderle for his support.

H. Announcements-The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the Township Offices at 729 S McLean Blvd, Elgin IL 60123

I. Adjournment/Recess ED to adjourn, MK seconded.

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