



**WCCMHB**

Winnebago County  
Community Mental  
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## **Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 4th, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Location:** Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rockford, IL 61101 or virtual at [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board YouTube Page](#)

NOTICE: Consistent with [State of Illinois Executive Order 2020-07](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Committee Members are permitted to participate in this meeting by conference call.

**Called by:** Mary Ann Abate: President

**Members:** Richard Kunnert: Vice President, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Treasurer, Danielle Angileri: Secretary, Dr. Bill Gorski, Dr. Terry Giardini, Tim Nabors, Linda Sandquist

**Advisory Members:** Wendy Larson Bennett, Jay Ware

**Staff Liaison:** Jason Holcomb, Region 1 Planning Council

### **Agenda:**

A. Call to Order at 201 by Mary Ann Abate

B. Roll call- Mary Ann Abate: present; Richard Kunnert: present; Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: present; Danielle Angileri: present; Dr. Bill Gorski: present; Dr. Terry Giardini: absent; Tim Nabors: present; Linda Sandquist: present. Advisory members Wendy Larson Bennett and Jay Ware also present.

Guest: Brandy Quance, legal counsel

C. Public Comment Joan Lodge of Rosecrance addressed the WCCMHB to say thank you for the grant dollars and give updates on the programming the board is supporting.

### D. Action Items

1. July Meeting Minutes: Mr. Nabors moves to approve July 2021 meeting minutes, Dr. Copeland seconds. Mary Ann Abate: aye, Richard Kunnert: aye, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: aye; Danielle Angileri: aye, Dr. Bill Gorski: aye, Dr. Terry Giardini: absent; Tim Nabors: aye, Linda Sandquist: aye. Motion passes.
2. Anti-Retaliation Policy: Dr. Gorski moves to approve the Anti-Retaliations Policy and for our legal counsel to represent us, Mr. Nabors seconds. Mary Ann Abate: aye, Richard Kunnert: aye, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: aye; Danielle Angileri: aye, Dr. Bill Gorski: aye, Dr. Terry Giardini: absent; Tim Nabors: aye, Linda Sandquist: aye. Motion passes.



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3. FY2022 Work Plan: Attached; There was the addition of site visits and system coordination to work plan. Further discussion on system coordination strategies. Kunnert moves to approve FY2022 Work Plan, Dr. Gorski seconds. Mary Ann Abate: aye, Richard Kunnert: aye, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: aye; Danielle Angileri: aye, Dr. Bill Gorski: aye, Dr, Terry Giardini: absent; Tim Nabors: aye, Linda Sandquist: aye. Motion passes.
4. FY2022 Budget: Attached. Addition of systems coordination to budget. No additions or comments. Motion to approve to send to county board finance committee by Sandquist; Kunnert seconds; Mary Ann Abate: aye, Richard Kunnert: aye, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: aye; Danielle Angileri: aye, Dr. Bill Gorski: aye, Dr, Terry Giardini: absent; Tim Nabors: aye, Linda Sandquist: aye. Motion passes.
5. New Board Member Appointment Recommendation to County Board Chairman: Board applications were open for 3 weeks. Many different marketing pushes were utilized. 14 applications were received and scored by 5 WCCMHB members. Each WCCMHB member developed top choices and met with Mr. Holcomb individually to share their selections. Top choices were resounding for Wendy Larson Bennett and Jeanette Towns. A letter was drafted and sent to chairman Chiarelli to review. Should the current advisor be appointed to board, the other candidate should be appointed as advisor content will be added to the letter. Mr. Kunnert motions to accept the recommendations and to edit the letter in regards to advisor roles, and Dr. Gorski seconds. Mary Ann Abate: aye, Richard Kunnert: aye, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: aye; Danielle Angileri: aye, Dr. Bill Gorski: aye, Dr, Terry Giardini: absent; Tim Nabors: aye, Linda Sandquist: aye. Motion passes.

### E. Discussion Items

1. Election of Officers (at September Meeting): Bylaws dictate election of officers at September 2021 meeting. When SB2228 is signed and in effect, this will impact mental health sales tax legislation and will change the elections to July of 2022. Suggestion of executive board to write procedural notes on how to operate in the position. In further discussion on renewals of terms for standing board members, we would have to have approval from Chairman Chiarelli.
2. Hybrid Board Meetings: We must meet in person as the governor did not renew the ordinance for virtual meetings. Conference room at R1 can be used with space to spread out. No additional cost. We will have to explore conditions to utilize hybrid meetings or develop our own safety policies. Winn Co.'s exclusions will be investigated. We will also discuss with our lawyer.

F. Other Matters: Year anniversary for Jason Holcomb. Congratulations on a job well done.



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G. Mr. Kunnert moved for adjournment at 3:01pm, Dr. Copeland seconds. Mary Ann Abate: aye, Richard Kunnert: aye, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: aye; Danielle Angileri: aye, Dr. Bill Gorski: aye, Dr, Terry Giardini: absent; Tim Nabors: aye, Linda Sandquist: aye. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.



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