



WCCMHB

Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM CST

Location: Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, 2nd Floor, Rockford, IL 61101 or virtual at [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board YouTube Page](#)

Called by: Mary Ann Abate: President

Members: Richard Kunnert: Vice President, Dr. Bill Gorski: Secretary, Wendy Larson-Bennett: Treasurer, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Dr. Terry Giardini, Tim Nabors, Linda Sandquist, Mohammad Yunus

Director: Jason Holcomb, Region 1 Planning Council

Agenda:

A. Call to Order: President Mary Ann Abate called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

B. Roll Call

- Mary Ann Abate: Present
- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Absent at Roll Call, Arrived at 2:03
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Present
- Tim Nabors: Present
- Linda Sandquist: Absent
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Nicole Bennett: Region 1 Planning Council
 - Mary Trujillo, City of Rockford



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C. Public Comment

1. Mary Trujillo, City of Rockford
 - i. Ms. Trujillo introduced herself and shared her role in the Crisis Co-Response and Mobile Integrated Health Programs.
 - ii. Board Members asked her questions.

D. Presentations

1. Presentation Canceled

E. Monthly Activity Report - August 2023

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the August 2023 Activity Report.
 - i. Notes: Summary of the public comment period and open house events and explanation of the process of incorporating the comments into the Strategic Plan.

F. Action Items

1. August 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the August 2023 Meeting Minutes.

- i. Raised by: Mrs. Larson-Bennett
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nabors
- iii. Discussion: None
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Dr. Gorski, Mrs. Sandquist

G. Discussion Items

1. Changes to the Community Mental Health Act

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb explained the changes to the Community Mental Health Act passed by House Bill 475, taking effect on January 1st, 2024.
- ii. There was a brief discussion.

2. Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Update

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb gave an update on the feedback received by the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee on the Strategic Plan draft presentation and their discussions around conducting additional analysis using in-kind local resources or an external consultant, the latter of which they would potentially request the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board to fund.
- ii. There was discussion.



3. Special Projects Funding

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb briefly explained the potential logistics and goals of the special projects funding, asking for the Board Members' input on the guidelines for special projects funding.
- ii. There was discussion.

H. Other Matters

1. No Other Matters

I. Adjournment

1. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:02 PM
 - i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
 - ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nabors
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Dr. Gorski, Mrs. Sandquist