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Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 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: Present, Left:2:10, Returned: 2:12, Left: 2:59, Returned 3:01
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Absent
- Tim Nabors: Absent at roll call arrived at 2:27 PM
- Linda Sandquist: Absent
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Chelsey Glatz, Nicole Bennett: Region 1 Planning Council
 - Pam C. Reidenbach, Deanna Mershon: NICNE
 - Robin Garvey, Mary Gurbe Lee, Harlan Johnson: Citizen



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C. Public Comment

1. Harlan Johnson, Citizen
 - i. Notes: Mr. Johnson presented to the board the matters of Nonviolent Communication and the importance of collaboration between behavioral specialists in Winnebago County.

D. Presentations

1. No Presentation

E. Monthly Activity Report – November 2023

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the November 2023 Activity Report.
 - i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb emphasized the opening portal launch of the grant program along with two planned Q&A sessions. In addition, mentioned the recent trip he and Ms. Glatz made to Kansas City for a peer exchange with MARC regarding 988 and 911 integration.

F. Action Items

1. November 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November 2023 Meeting Minutes.

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



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2. Resolution No 2023-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Year 2023-2024

Mr. Holcomb provided a brief summary regarding the reallocation of funds from the fringe benefits and employment to other items to support the NICNE Program.

Motion: To approve Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Year 2023-2024.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
- iii. Discussion: None
 - a. Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
 - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
 - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 - Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
 - Richard Kunnert: Aye
 - Wendy Larson-Bennett: Absent
 - Tim Nabors: Absent
 - Linda Sandquist: Absent
 - Mohammad Yunus: Aye
 - Mary Ann Abate: Aye

G. Discussion Items

1. Accelerator Award & Core Program Grant Reviews

- i. Notes: Mrs. Bennett presented the timeline and next steps regarding the two grants. Board Members asked questions regarding their involvement in the grant-reviewing steps.

2. City/County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee

- i. Notes: Mrs. Abate requested the Board's opinions on a proposed meeting by the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. Board Members raised their concerns and suggestions. Resulting in the Board's agreement to the meeting.



3. Program Years 4-6 Funding Agreements

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb elaborated on the seven funding agreement conditions that are currently being considered for updates. The Board shared their opinion after each condition. Mr. Holcomb provided clarification when needed.

H. Other Matters

1. Advertising Placements

- i. Notes: Mr. Nabors brought an advertisement request to the Board. Mr. Holcomb explained that the fulfillment of the request wasn't possible due to the current budget. However, opportunities may arise if the budget is updated in the upcoming year.

I. Adjournment

1. Motion: For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:25 PM

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Wendy Larson-Bennett, Linda Sandquist