

## WINNEBAGO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AGENDA

**DATE:** Wednesday September 23rd, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Location:** Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rockford, IL 61101

**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, Dr. Julie Morris, Tim Nabors, Linda Sandquist

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

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

### **Agenda:**

A. Call to Order by Mary Ann Abate President, President, at 2PM

B. Roll call

- Members present: Mary Ann Abate, Dick Kunnert, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Dr. Bill Gorski, Dr. Terry Giardini, Danielle Angileri, Dr. Julie Morris, Tim Nabors
- Advisory members present: Jay Ware
- Guests present: Paul Carpenter

C. FY21 Budget Amendments – Action Item

Since budget approval, there was a follow-up conversation with Steve Chapman, county administrator, and new administrator, Patrick Thompson. The two wanted a more realistic budget with dollars we would be actually spending and recommended the WCMHB to amend our budget to \$8.8 million, not including administrative costs. Draft attached.

Note that income comes to the WCMHB on a quarterly basis. The earliest RFP's will go out in April or early May and only three quarters of revenue will have been collected. Any excess amount received in our fiscal year, will roll over into the next year. We would like to see a formality on this.

The resolution that was passed, means that this money will only be designated for mental health and substance use services. Mr. Nabors suggests that it is best to build a reserve and if the WCMHB is ever dissolved, all of the money saved has to still be dedicated to mental health and substance use services.

Dr. Gorski motions to approve the amended budget first. Mr. Nabors motions second. All approved, budget amendment passes.

#### D. FY21 Work Plan– Action Item

Jason presented a work plan with action items. WCMHB will present to the county board on Oct 8. We have time to make changes if needed. Note that Jaime Salgado, finance chair of Winnebago County board, would like a 6 month review at the Oct 8 board meeting so the board understands focus and priorities to alleviate questions and concerns.

Our environmental scan gave us a lot of data. 43 completed responses from the environmental scan (more than 35%) and 8 partially completed.

Jason explained the actionable items that could fill community gaps in a work plan. Draft attached.

As a part of our transparency and credibility, Dr. Copeland recommends that we continually and consistently address the public with what we are doing. There are several ideas about community engagement in the works and we will have to be creative during the COVID-19 pandemic. A discussion was had about hiring an outside consultant or advisor for proactive communications. Jason will bring the marketing discussion to the small group for communications.

Mr. Nabors encouraged the group with the fact that we are new and that this is our first budget. We have room to improve and grow. We are a government agency, will not please everyone, and we will have to develop thick skin. We need to put quality before anything. As long as we are transparent, with the right intentions, we cannot be wrong.

Mr. Kunnert moved to approve the work plan. Dr. Copeland made the second motion. All approved.

E. Public comment: None

F. Other matters:

In regards to our meetings, Ms. Angileri motions to create our own YouTube channel and to livestream our meetings to supplement our in-person viewings through R1. This would cost us \$5 a month. Dr. Copeland seconds the motion. All approved.

Mr. Carpenter brought up the fact that the Rockford Police are working on police and mental health response as an informational piece.

G. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:57pm by Mr. Kunnert. Mr. Nabors seconds. All approve. Adjourned at 2:57pm.