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Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM CST

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

***NOTICE:** In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency and Governor J.B. Pritzker's Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the board president has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster.*

Called by: Mary Ann Abate: President

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

Advisory Members: Jay Ware, Jeanette Towns

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
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Tim Nabors: Present
- Linda Sandquist: Absent
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Present (Arrived at 2:08 PM)
- Jay Ware: Absent
- Jeanette Towns: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests: Chelsey Glatz, Region 1 Planning Council; Joan Lodge, Rosecrance; Brandy S. Quance, Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle



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C. Public Comment

1. No Public Comment

D. Presentations

1. 988 Update - Joan Lodge, Rosecrance
 - i. Notes: Presented about 988 Crisis Care System. Crisis Care Continuum must evolve to better meet the needs of people in crisis and distress. Vision - 988 serves as America's mental health safety net. 988 will reduce suicides and mental health crises and provide a pathway to well-being. Crisis Call Centers will dispatch mobile crisis teams to individuals in mental health or suicidal crises rather than police or EMS and greater coordination around access to care options like crisis stabilization units and living room programs for peer support.

E. Monthly Activity Report

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the February 2022 Activity Report.
 - i. Notes: Staff is working through grant applications.

F. Action Items

1. February 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the February 2022 Meeting Minutes was carried.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Gorski
 1. Mary Ann Abate: Aye
 2. Richard Kunnert: Aye
 3. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
 4. Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
 5. Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 6. Tim Nabors: Aye
 7. Linda Sandquist: Absent
 8. Wendy Larson-Bennett: Aye
- iii. Discussion: None





2. Updates to By-Laws

Motion: To approve the changes in the By-Laws was carried.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Mrs. Larson-Bennett
 1. Mary Ann Abate: Aye
 2. Richard Kunnert: Aye
 3. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
 4. Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
 5. Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 6. Tim Nabors: Aye
 7. Linda Sandquist: Absent
 8. Wendy Larson-Bennett: Aye
- iii. Discussion: Changes in the by-laws have not changed the intent or purpose of the by-laws in any way. The changes are getting the by-laws aligned with the Community Mental Health Act now that the Mental Health Board has that statutory authority based on the changes made to the sales tax law.

G. Discussion Items

1. Policies and Procedures

- i. Notes: Discussion with Legal Council about Advisors. Funding policy and Anti-retaliation policy were passed at previous Board Meetings.

2. Branded Apparel

- i. Notes: Request for Quote will be sent out to local vendors with the desired products.

H. Other Matters

1. Meeting Format

- i. Notes: The next meeting will be in person at Region 1.





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I. Adjournment

1. Motion: For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:04 PM
 - i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
 - ii. Seconded by: Dr. Gorski
 1. Mary Ann Abate: Aye
 2. Richard Kunnert: Aye
 3. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
 4. Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
 5. Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 6. Tim Nabors: Aye
 7. Linda Sandquist: Absent
 8. Wendy Larson-Bennett: Aye

