



Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM CT

Location: Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, 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*, Dr. Terry Giardini: *Treasurer*, Andrell Bragg-Shaw, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Tim Nabors, Jeff Nielsen, Dr. Amanda Penney, 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

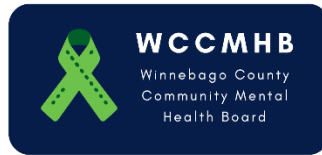
B) Roll Call

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| • Mary Ann Abate: | Present |
| • Andrell Bragg-Shaw: | Present |
| • Dr. K. Edward Copeland: | Absent |
| • Dr. Terry Giardini: | Present |
| • Dr. Bill Gorski: | Present |
| • Richard Kunnert: | Present |
| • Tim Nabors: | Present |
| • Jeff Nielsen: | Present |
| • Dr. Amanda Penney: | Present |
| • Mohammad Yunus: | Present |
| • Jason Holcomb: | Present |



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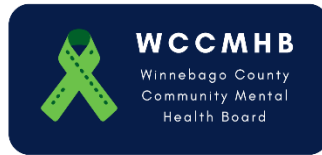




- Guests:
 - **R1 Planning Council:** Chelsey Glatz, Alex McCann, Raegan Hilbrant, Patricia Moton, Amy Salamon
 - **Rockford Police Department:** Assistant Deputy Chief Paul Gallagher, Sgt. Brian Mace
 - **CCRT:** Ashley Kengott, Emma Warning, Lisa Wagner, Tiffany Eisman
 - **City of Rockford:** Mary Trujillo, Michaela Harris
 - **Rockford Fire:** Jon Larson
 - **United Way of Rock River Valley:** Mishel Browning
 - **Rosecrance:** Sadie Cobio
 - **Overnight Café:** Karen Hill
 - **Winnebago County Board:** Valerie Hanserd
 - **Rockford Park District:** Jessica Steinberg
 - **UICOMR:** Kathleen Monteleone

C) Public Comment

- 1) Mishel Browning, United Way of Rock River Valley (UWRRV)
 - Notes: Ms. Browning gave an update on 211, a non-emergency community resources referral line provided by the UWRRV. UW has switched to a new provider for this service. Ms. Browning is making visits to local service organizations to update the database, add additional service organizations, create a marketing plan, and make additional enhancements.
- 2) Sadie Cobio, Rosecrance
 - Notes: Ms. Cobio shared a client story. Rosecrance psychiatric service now has its connection time under 30 days. The client relapsed in sobriety and sought treatment at the Ware Center.



D) Presentations

1) Topic: Crisis Co-Responder Team Update

- Presenter: Sgt. Brian Mace, CCRT supervisor
- Notes: Sgt. Mace presented data on the recent CCRT data analysis to address the off-hours response or determine if hours of service should be changed. Standard hours on weekdays had around 1,463 calls for service. Non-standard hours were at 346, showing that there was a sharp decrease of incidence during non-standard hours. Standard hours on weekends were at 496 calls and 143 during non-standard hours.
- 80% of calls are during standard hours. The hours the team is currently working is sufficient to address the majority of calls.
- Incident type: Majority of incidents involved mental health issues, followed by suicide threats and suicide attempts.
- This year, CCRT Northern Illinois Training and Standards Board hosted four CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) classes in Winnebago County. This is in addition to annual training. City of Rockford dispatch center is now a certified CESSA program, which allows some mental health calls to receive triage by a nurse at the 911 center, eliminating the need for an officer to be dispatched for the call. This is one solution for coverage during non-standard and weekend hours.
- Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

E) Monthly Activity Report – September 2025

- 1) Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the September 2025 Activity Report.
 - Notes: Sixteen proposals were received for Grassroots Funding. Board members were encouraged to complete evaluations in order to make a decision for application invitations at the November meeting. Dr. Giardini and Mr. Holcomb attended the CCRT declaration at Rockford City Hall. NAMI is hosting events for Mental Illness Awareness Week, with its main event held on October 10 at Veterans Memorial Hall from 10 AM to 1 PM. WCCMHB will have a booth at the event.



F) Action Items

1) September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the September 2025 Meeting Minutes.

- Raised by: Ms. Bragg-Shaw
- Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- Discussion: None
 - Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - Absent Board Member: Dr. Edward Copeland

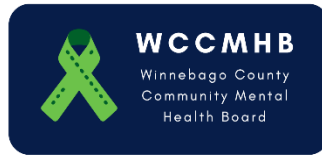
2) Resolution 2025-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Years 4 - 6

The Boys and Girls Club is requesting a budget amendment to decrease their budget money going toward Rosecrance due to fewer referrals and adding that amount to its budget for direct staff salaries.

Motion: To approve the resolution

- Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- Seconded by: Mr. Nielsen
- Discussion: There was some discussion regarding the Boys and Girls Club's staffing structure and needs. The Board was interested in receiving an update from the Boys and Girls Club at a future meeting.
 - Motion **approved** by a roll call vote of all Board Members present.

• Andrell Bragg-Shaw:	Aye
• Dr. K. Edward Copeland:	Absent
• Dr. Terry Giardini:	Aye
• Dr. Bill Gorski:	Aye
• Richard Kunnert:	Aye
• Tim Nabors:	Aye
• Jeff Nielsen:	Aye
• Dr. Amanda Penney:	Aye
• Mohammad Yunus:	Aye
• Mary Ann Abate:	Aye



G) Discussion Items

1) Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Update

- Notes: Mr. Holcomb gave an update on the FY25 budget. Through the first three quarters of the FY25 budget, nothing exceeds the line item amount, except for the legal line item, which had been expected. Budget utilization is slightly under projection. Revenue growth rate is higher than anticipated.
- Mr. Holcomb mentioned that January will be the next date for the Board to attend a workshop and tour of the Miami-Dade Model.
- The Board discussed increasing community education so the public is more aware of available mental health services. Mr. Holcomb pointed out that each funded agency is doing a good job of communicating its services, linking them with the mental health board. He stressed that if the Board thinks there should be additional education efforts and a survey of public awareness, it should be part of the Strategic Plan update.

H) Other Matters

1) Community Conversation

- Notes: Ms. Bragg-Shaw announced that there is a community conversation on October 2 with Gina Meeks and Sen. Stadelman speaking. She will be attending as a Board representative and to provide education on the Board's activities.

I) Adjournment

1) **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:02 PM.

- Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- Seconded by: Ms. Bragg-Shaw
 - Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - Absent Board Member: Dr. Edward Copeland