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## Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 PM CST

**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, 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
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent at roll call arrived at 2:02
- Linda Sandquist: Absent
- Mohammad Yunus: Absent
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
  - Nicole Bennett, Chelsey Glatz, Marc Hooks: Region 1 Planning Council
  - Jon Larson: Rockford Fire
  - Mary Trujillo, Michaela Harris: City of Rockford
  - Laura Fry, Kris Bogue, Will Crandall: Live4Lali
  - Will Holm, Terry White: Crusader Community Health
  - Alex Stagnaro-Green: UICOM-Rockford
  - Jessica Steinberg, Danielle Potter: Rockford Park District
  - Laura Kane: Marshmallow's Hope
  - Jillisa Bondurant, Emily Kloniki: Alignment Rockford



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**C. Public Comment**

1. No Public Comment

**D. Presentations**

**1. Accelerator Award: Crusader – Q&A**

- i. Presenter: Will Holm, Terry White
- ii. Notes: The video presentation was shared with the Board prior to the meeting.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**2. Accelerator Award: UICOM-Rockford – Q&A**

- i. Presenter: Alex Stagnaro-Green
- ii. Notes: The video presentation was shared with the Board prior to the meeting.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**3. Accelerator Award: Marshmallow's Hope**

- i. Presenter: Laura Kane
- ii. Notes: Ms. Kane provided an introduction to the organization, explaining its methodology, care center, and achievements.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**4. Accelerator Award: Alignment Rockford**

- i. Presenter: Emily Klonicki
- ii. Notes: During the presentation on Alignment Rockford's Strong Families Strong Communities program, the proposal, partners, model, and goals were covered.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**E. Monthly Activity Report - March 2024**

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the March 2024 Activity Report.
  - i. Notes: During the meeting, Mr. Holcomb provided an update on the ride-share program and requested Board Members to volunteer for a steering committee. Ms. Glatz provided more information about the Building Bridges event and its details. Additionally, Mr. Holcomb announced his attendance and extended an invitation to the regional CESSA advisory committee summit on Friday, April 12th.



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## F. Action Items

### 1. March 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the March 2024 Meeting Minutes.

- i. Raised by: Dr. Gorski
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
- iii. Discussion: None
  - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist, Mohammad Yunus

### 2. PY4-6 Core Program Contract Language

Mr. Holcomb presented updates and clarified changes to the program's contract language. He pointed out an error in section 15, which should be removed.

**Motion:** To approve this contract with the suggested amendments by Jason.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Nabors
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: None
  - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist, Mohammad Yunus

### 3. Accelerator Award Pay for Deliverables Contract Language

Mr. Holcomb summarized the pay-for-deliverables model for the Accelerator Awards. It is a tiered payment release when set deliverables are met to meet the project's objectives. Dr. Gorski inquired about the language of a section in the contract, and Mr. Holcomb provided clarification.

**Motion:** To approve Accelerator Award Pay for Deliverables Contract Language

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Gorski
- iii. Discussion: None
  - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist, Mohammad Yunus



**4. Resolution 2024-X: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Grant Funds for Core Program Funding Applications for Program Years 4-6**

Mrs. Abate read the Resolution that announced the allocation of grant funds for core programs and the total amounts awarded.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 2024-X: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Grant Funds for Core Program Funding Applications for Program Years 4-6

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Copeland
- iii. Discussion: Mrs. Larson-Bennett asked if non-funded programs were determined based on individual assessments of Board Members. Mrs. Abate confirmed.
  - a. Motion **approved** a roll call vote.
    - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
    - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
    - Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
    - Richard Kunnert: Aye
    - Wendy Larson-Bennett: Aye
    - Tim Nabors: Aye
    - Linda Sandquist: Absent
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



**5. Resolution 2024-XX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Special Project Funds for Accelerator Award Applications**

Mrs. Abate read the Resolution that announced the allocation of funds for the application of special projects and the total amounts awarded.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 2024-XX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Special Project Funds for Accelerator Award Applications

- i. Raised by: Dr. Groski
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- 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: Aye
    - Tim Nabors: Aye
    - Linda Sandquist: Absent
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



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**6. Resolution 2024-XXX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations for Applications Received**

Mrs. Abate read the Resolution that announced the programs being considered for the Accelerator Award and will undergo review.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 2024-XXX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations for Applications Received

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Copeland
- 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: Aye
    - Tim Nabors: Aye
    - Linda Sandquist: Absent
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Mary Ann Abate: Aye

**G. Discussion Items**

1. No Discussion Items

**H. Other Matters**

**1. Sales Tax Forum**

- i. Notes: Dr. Gorski inquired if a representative was speaking at the Sales Tax Forum held on April 4, 2024, at the Nordlof Center. Mr. Holcomb stated he would be speaking on behalf of the WCCMHB.

**I. Adjournment**

1. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:34 PM
  - i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
  - ii. Seconded by: Dr. Copeland
    - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
    - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist, Mohammad Yunus