



## Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 2:00 PM CST

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

**Called by:** Richard Kunnert: *Vice President*

**Members:** Mary Ann Abate: *President*, Dr. Bill Gorski: *Secretary*, Dr. Terry Giardini: *Treasurer*, Andrell Bragg-Shaw, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Margie Lindmark, Tim Nabors, Jeff Nielsen, Dr. Amanda Penney, Mohammad Yunus

**Director:** Jason Holcomb, Region 1 Planning Council

### Agenda:

**A) Call to Order:** Vice President Richard Kunnert called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

### B) Roll Call

- Mary Ann Abate: Absent
- Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Present
- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Present
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Margie Lindmark: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent at Roll Call, Arrived at 2:30 PM
- Jeff Nielsen: Present
- Dr. Amanda Penney: Absent at Roll Call, Arrived at 2:02 PM
- Mohammad Yunus: Absent
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
  - Region 1 Planning Council: Chelsey Glatz, Alex McCann, Emily Kate
  - Live4Lali: Will Crandall
  - Rockford Barbell: Elliot Ganet
  - Rockford Park District: Jessica Steinberg
  - Rosecrance: Craig Stallings, Melissa Crowell, Sadie Cobio
  - University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford: Kathleen Monteleone
  - Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Center: Debbie Jarvis, Julie McCray-Grotto
  - Winnebago County Sheriff's Department: Sana Siddiani, Eileen Stewart
  - Youth Services Network: Ericka Potter



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**C) Public Comment**

- 1) No Public Comment

**D) Presentations**

**1) Accelerator Award: Rosecrance – Empowerment Hub**

- Presenters: Craig Stallings and Melissa Crowell
- Notes: Rosecrance staff presented on their Empowerment Hub project, designed to address mental health and housing needs.
- Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**2) Accelerator Award: Winnebago County – Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Counseling Center**

- Presenters: Debbie Jarvis, Julie McCray-Grotto
- Notes: The Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Counseling Center administrators presented their proposed project and an overview of planned renovations in general.
- Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**E) Monthly Activity Report - January 2025**

- 1) Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the January 2025 Activity Report.
  - Notes: Mr. Holcomb noted that the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee held its kickoff meeting, indicating that the Committee’s consultant would present to the Board in Spring 2025.

**F) Action Items**

**1) January 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the January 2025 Meeting Minutes.

- Raised by: Dr. Copeland
- Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
- Discussion: None
  - Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - Absent Board Members: Mary Ann Abate, Bill Gorski, Mohammad Yunus



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

Mr. Holcomb described Rockford Barbell's request to reallocate their budget. A representative from the organization was available for additional questions.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 2025-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Years 4-6

- Raised by: Mr. Nielsen
- Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
- Discussion: none
  - Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
    - Mary Ann Abate: Absent
    - Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Aye
    - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
    - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
    - Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
    - Margie Lindmark: Aye
    - Tim Nabors: Aye
    - Jeff Nielsen: Aye
    - Dr. Amanda Penney: Aye
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Richard Kunnert: Aye



**3) Resolution 2025-XX: Resolution Authorizing Late Payment for Program Year 2024**

Mr. Holcomb described the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department’s request to submit a late payment. A member of the organization was present for any additional questions.

**Motion:** To approve 2025-XX Resolution Authorizing Late Payment for the Program Year 2024

- Raised by: Mr. Nabors
- Seconded by: Mrs. Bragg-Shaw
- Discussion: none
  - Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
    - Mary Ann Abate: Absent
    - Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Aye
    - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
    - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
    - Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
    - Margie Lindmark: Aye
    - Tim Nabors: Aye
    - Jeff Nielsen: Aye
    - Dr. Amanda Penney: Aye
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Richard Kunnert: Aye



**4) Resolution 2025-XXX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Special Project Funds for Accelerator Award Applications**

Mr. Kunnert read from Resolution 2025-XXX, which determines funding for Youth Services Network’s Transportation Insecurity Program and Live4Lali, Inc.’s Mobile Harm Reduction Outreach Program and Recovery Services.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 2025-XXX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Special Project Funds for Accelerator Award Applications

- Raised by: Mr. Nabors
- Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
- Discussion: none
  - Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
    - Mary Ann Abate: Absent
    - Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Aye
    - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
    - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
    - Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
    - Margie Lindmark: Aye
    - Tim Nabors: Aye
    - Jeff Nielsen: Aye
    - Dr. Amanda Penney: Aye
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Richard Kunnert: Aye



**G) Discussion Items**

**1) Mental Health Housing Crisis**

- Notes: Mrs. Andrell Brag-Shaw presented the discussion item about housing, severe mental illness, and the unhoused in Winnebago County. Board Members hosted a critical discussion on area mental health, with concerns to revisit as a discussion item for the next Board Meeting.

**H) Other Matters**

- 1) No Other Matters

**I) Adjournment**

- 1) **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:27 PM.
- Raised by: Dr. Copeland
  - Seconded by: Mrs. Bragg Shaw
    - Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
    - Absent Board Members: Mary Ann Abate, Dr. Bill Gorksi, Mohammad Yunus