



**WCCMHB**

Winnebago County  
Community Mental  
Health Board

## Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</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, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Dr. Terry Giardini, Margie Lindmark, Tim Nabors, 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
- Margie Lindmark: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
  - Region 1 Planning Council: Chelsey Glatz, Marc Hooks
  - Stepping Stones: Sue Schroeder
  - Rockford Park District; Lori Berkes-Nelson, Jennifer Bowman, Jennifer Winberg, Kayla Tinny, Jessica Steinberg, Danielle Pitter
  - Marshmallow's Hope: Laura Kane
  - Rosecrance: Sadie Cobio



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**C. Public Comment**

1. There was no public comment.

**D. Presentations**

**1. Accelerator Award: Rockford Park District – Q&A**

- i. Presenter: Jennifer Windberg
- ii. Notes: Windberg’s presentation discussed the Perks Family Equine Center. She referenced clinical literature, citing the benefits of equine therapy. She also expressed a need for an animal transit van.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**2. Accelerator Award: Stepping Stones of Rockford**

- i. Presenter: Susan Schroeder
- ii. Notes: Schroeder’s presentation discussed the new Stepping Stones facility for mental healthcare services and organization administration.
- iii. Board Members did not have any questions for Schroeder.

**F. Action Items**

**1. May 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Yunus
- iii. Discussion:
  1. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  2. Absent Board Members: Tim Nabors

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

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the May 2024 Activity Report.
  - i. Holcomb stated that he and Chelsey Glatz would attend the Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum conference at the University of Illinois at Chicago on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



## F. Action Items

### 2. Officers' Elections

Mary Ann Abate opened the floor for nominations.

- Dr. Terry Giardini nominates Mary Ann Abate for **President**.
- Dr. Bill Gorski nominates Mr. Richard Kunnert for **Vice President**.
- Dr. Terry Giardini nominates Dr. Bill Gorski for **Secretary**.
- Mary Ann Abate nominates Dr. Terry Giardini for **Treasurer**.

Mary Ann Abate entertained a vote on the full slate.

**Motion:** To approve the full slate of nominations.

Mary Ann Abate for President

Richard Kunnert for Vice President

Dr. Bill Gorski for Secretary

Dr. Terry Giardini for Treasurer

a. Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.

- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
- Richard Kunnert: Aye
- Margie Lindmark: Aye
- Tim Nabors: Absent
- Mohammad Yunus: Aye
- Mary Ann Abate: Aye



**3. PY24 Special Conditions Met**

Jason Holcomb explained that the City of Rockford IMPACT program has incorporated mental healthcare outreach (via Rosecrance, upon the Board’s request for clinical supervision) for people experiencing houselessness.

**Motion:** To approve the City of Rockford’s Special Conditions Resolution.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Copeland
- iii. Discussion: none
  - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - b. Absent Board Members: Tim Nabors

**4. Resolution 2024-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Program’s Budget Update and Advance Payment for Program Year 2023-2024**

Jason Holcomb explained that Stepping Stones is in process of expanding their supervised housing by purchasing a new building. The Resolution outlines their advance payment and timeline extension, as they have met previous requirements for such payments and have demonstrated significant credibility in completing capital projects.

**Motion:** To approve Stepping Stones’ Funded Program Budget Update

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Gorski
- 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
    - Margie Lindmark: Abstain
    - Tim Nabors: Absent
    - Mohammad Yunus: Aye
    - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



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

Mary Ann Abate read the resolution.

**Motion:** To approve the Resolution.

- i. Raised by: Dr. Gorski
- 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
    - Margie Lindmark: Abstain
    - Tim Nabors: Absent
    - Mohammad Yunus: Aye
    - Mary Ann Abate: Aye

**F. Discussion Items**

**1. July Board Meeting**

- i. Notes: Jason Holcomb inquired whether or not the Board would like to meet on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, despite the Independence Day holiday. Consensus was reached not to modify the schedule.

**2. Systems Coordination Update**

Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave a presentation on Systems Coordination.

- i. Notes: Dr. Copeland inquired about the structural application of the Community Support System framework in various local organizations and institutions. He asked how WCCMHB differentiates types of local authority and how said authorities can contribute to the culture.
- ii. Dr. Gorski commented on Dr. Copeland's inquiry, suggesting that WCCMHB's role may be to "coordinate the coordinators". Dr. Gorski also identified the looming issue of a mental healthcare workforce shortage as related to "coordinating the coordinators".



**G. Other Matters**

**1. Margie Lindmark Introduction**

- i. New Board Member Margie Lindmark introduced herself, indicating that her experiences in emergency medical services drew her to this role.

**H. Adjournment**

- 1. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:27PM.
  - 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: Tim Nabors