



Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

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

- Mary Ann Abate: Present
- Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Present
- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Present
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent at Roll Call (arrived 2:06 PM)
- Jeff Nielsen: Present
- Dr. Amanda Penney: Present
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - **R1:** Chelsey Glatz, Raegan Hilbrant, Alex McCann, Patricia Moton, Amy Salamon
 - **City of Rockford Health and Human Services:** Joseph Sculuca
 - **City of Rockford:** Ellee Holden
 - **University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford (UICOMR):** Kathleen Monteleone
 - **Second First Church/Overnight Cafe:** Karen Hill
 - **Stepping Stones:** Sue Schroeder
 - **Winnebago County Sheriff's Department:** Sana Siddiani
 - **LWV:** Erika Kissick
 - **Local Community Member:** Richard Hayes

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C) Public Comment

1) Joseph Sculuca, City of Rockford – Human Services

- Notes: Mr. Sculuca, Continuum of Care Specialist for the City of Rockford Health & Human Services Department, spoke on the federal notice of funding opportunity and effects it will have on clients and consumers. The federal government is not implementing the 30% permanent supportive housing at this time. There will be a future round of funding that may have stipulations that the HHS is concerned about.

2) Richard Hayes

- Notes: Mr. Hayes, a community member, asked the Board to expand their evaluation of program quality outcomes for the organizations it funds. Mr. Hayes suggested that the Board ask applicants to supply a measurable outcome with a timeframe, and contact NIH to see if this Board can partner with their tools to measure community mental health outcomes.

D) Presentations – None

E) Monthly Activity Report – January 2026

1) Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the January 2026 Activity Report.

- Notes: Mr. Holcomb asked the Board to complete a survey to provide feedback that will inform the strategic plan. He gave an update on the Miami Model workshop and announced that the 2026 NAMI Building Bridges event will take place on May 14 at the Embassy Suites.



F) Action Items

1) January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the January 2026 Meeting Minutes.

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

2) Resolution 2026-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Years 4 – 6

Motion: To approve the funded programs' budget updates for PY 4-6 as set forth.

- Raised by: Dr. Giardini
- Seconded by: Mr. Yunus
- Discussion: None
 - Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
 - Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Aye
 - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
 - 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



3) Resolution 2026-XX: Resolution Authorizing Accelerator Award Contract Extension

This resolution is to approve a work plan update for Stepping Stones to include updated completion dates.

Motion: To approve the Accelerator Award Contract Extension

- Raised by: Dr. Gorski
- Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- Discussion: None
 - Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

G) Discussion Items

1) Grassroots Funding Template Contract and Workplan

- Notes: The Board reviewed a contract template, including grant terms, that will be used for Grassroots Funding awardees. The document has been reviewed by the Board's attorney.
- The Board was able to ask questions, answered by Mr. Holcomb.

H) Other Matters

- 1) No Other Matters**

I) Adjournment

- 1) Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 2:17 PM

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