



## Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, September 4<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*, Dr. Terry Giardini: *Treasurer*, Andrell Bragg-Shaw, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Margie Lindmark, Tim Nabors, Jeff Nielsen, 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
- Margie Lindmark: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent
- Jeff Nielsen: Present
- Mohammad Yunus: Absent
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
  - Region 1 Planning Council: Chelsey Glatz
  - City of Rockford: Mary Trujillo
  - Live4Lali: Will Crandall
  - Regional Office of Education 4: Scott Bloomquist, Meghan Hawkinson, Lori Hensky
  - Rockford Area Arts Council: Mary McNamara-Bernsten, Christina Valdez
  - Rosecrance: Joe Kreul



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**C. Public Comment**

1. No Public Comment.

**D. Presentations**

**1. Accelerator Award: Regional Office of Education – Student Support Interventionist**

- i. Presenter: Meghan Hawkinson
- ii. Notes: Mrs. Hawkinson explained that the program will administer social-emotional learning initiatives to benefit student mental health, attendance, and academic support.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

**2. Accelerator Award: Rockford Area Arts Council**

- i. Presenter(s): Mrs. Mary McNamara-Bernsten & Mrs. Christina Valdez
- ii. Notes: Mrs. McNamara-Bernsten presented on the Rockford Area Arts Council’s (RAAC) SPARK! Program, which is an apprenticeship model designed to provide mental health support for students interested in the arts. The program will be administered by art therapist. Mrs. Valdez, the RAAC Operations Officer, spoke about the program’s financial sustainability.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that Mrs. Valdez answered.

**E. Monthly Activity Report – August 2024**

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the August 2024 Activity Report.
  - i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb updated the Board on the first Learning Network Collaborative of the new Program Year. He also invited Board Members to attend the Marshmallow’s HOPE adolescent outpatient mental health treatment facility grand opening on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. He also invited the Board to the City of Rockford’s proclamation for the Mobile Integrated Health – Mental Health Program (MIH) and Crisis Co-Responder Team (CCRT) on the same da



**F. Action Items**

**1. August 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**2. Resolution 2024-X(1): Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Years 4-6**

Mr. Holcomb shared that a new budget template added space for funded programs' rationale, which the Board can review.

**Motion:** To approve the Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates

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

**3. Resolution 2024-X(2): Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Accelerator Awards Application End Date**

Mr. Holcomb stated that a Letter of Interest must be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup> and that the Accelerator Awards application deadline would now be December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion:** To approve the Resolution Authorizing an Accelerator Awards Application End Date

- i. Raised by: Dr. Gorski
- ii. Seconded by: Mrs. Bragg-Shaw
- iii. Discussion: None
  - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - ii. Absent Board Members: Mr. Nabors, Mr. Yunus



**4. Resolution 2024-X(3): Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations for Applications Received**

Mrs. Mary Ann Abate read the resolution.

**Motion:** To approve the Resolution Authorizing the Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations for Applications received

- i. Raised by: Dr. Giardini
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: The Board asked for clarification on the illegibility of "Capacity/Scale of Organization in relation to the proposal." Mr. Holcomb explained.
  - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - ii. Absent Board Members: Mr. Nabors, Mr. Yunus

**5. Resolution 2024-X(4): A Resolution for Making a Recommendation to the Appointing Authority for Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Vacancy**

Mr. Holcomb explained that the Resolution addressed making recommendations to Winnebago County Board Chairman Joseph Chiarelli.

**Motion:** To approve the Resolution for Making a Recommendation to the Appointing Authority for the WCCMHB Vacancy

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Gorski
- iii. Discussion: The Board stated that there was a strong consensus on the chosen candidate. The Board was also made aware of the undetermined timeline.
  - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - ii. Absent Board Members: Mr. Nabors, Mr. Yunus



**G. Discussion Items**

**1. HIPAA Compliant Ride-Share Program**

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb expressed his anticipation for the fully realized HIPAA-Compliant Ride Share Program. He asked the Board for feedback and stated that more information would be available within the coming month.

**H. Other Matters**

**1. Mental Health Advisory Committee**

- i. Notes: Dr. Bill Gorski gave an update on the Winnebago County Board Chairman's and the City of Rockford Mayor's Mental Health Advisory Committee about the consultant review process.

**2. Dr. Charles Smith's Passing**

- i. Notes: Mr. Kunnert expressed his sympathies for the passing of Dr. Charles Smith.

**I. Adjournment**

**1. Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:10 PM

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
  - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - ii. Absent Board Members: Mr. Nabors, Mr. Yunus