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Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 4th, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM CST

Location: Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, 2nd Floor, 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: Absent
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Present
- Tim Nabors: Present, Left 2:29, Returned 2:30
- Linda Sandquist: Present, Left 3:33
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Region 1 Planning Council: Chelsey Glatz, Nicole Bennett
 - YMHSOC: Alexis Ruthishauser, YMHSOC
 - Brightpoint: Lori Poppen
 - Rosecrance: Joe Kreul
 - OSF Healthcare TRC: Theresa Yehling, Kai Johnson, Kathy O'Dierno, Marcie Williams, Susan Fagan, Jaqueline Chavera, Elisha Mairet, Brandi Beck, LaDonna Daye, Amie Nogami, Theresa McDermott, Kristina Kuksuk, Sam Stanvno
 - Rockford Barbell: Elliot Ganet
 - CSSJ: Lisa Silvi
 - James Purifoy



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C. Public Comment

1. No Public Comment

D. Presentations

1. YMHSoC:

- i. Presenters: Alexis Rutishauser, YMHSoC; Lori Poppen, Brightpoint; Joe Kreul, Rosecrance
- ii. Notes: The three presenters gave an overview of the vision, framework, implementation, and community practice of engagement of the IRIS program.
- iii. Board asked questions that the presenter answered.

2. OSF Trauma Recovery Center:

- i. Presenter: Theresa Yehling, OSF Healthcare TRC
- ii. Notes: Ms. Yehling explained the loss of funding and its effects on the Trauma Recovery Center, along with an overview of the services provided, financial information, and the program's impact.
- iii. Board asked questions that the presenter answered.

E. Monthly Activity Report - September 2023

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the September 2023 Activity Report.
 - i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb highlighted the role of the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board in the IRIS program's data governance structure. In addition, Mr. Holcomb mentioned the Toolkit Training session, scheduled for October 25th, designed for the communication and marketing entities of each funded program. Ms. Glatz stated the number of attendees and briefly explained the purpose of the Toolkit Training.

F. Action Items

1. September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the September 2023 Meeting Minutes.

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



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2. Resolution No 2023-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Year 2023-2024

Mr. Holcomb explained the need to reallocate granted funds due to Rockford Barbell staff rejecting the offered health insurance.

Motion: To approve Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Year 2023-2024.

- i. Raised by: Mrs. Sandquist
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: None
 - a. Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
 - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Absent
 - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 - Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
 - Richard Kunnert: Aye
 - Wendy Larson-Bennett: Aye
 - Tim Nabors: Aye
 - Linda Sandquist: Aye
 - Mohammad Yunus: Aye
 - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



3. Resolution No 2023-XX: Resolution to Amend the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Mr. Holcomb brought up the decision made by the Winnebago County Board regarding the funding for the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board. This decision necessitates the creation of a new budget to be presented to the Board. The WCCMHB will have the opportunity to make a budget amendment on January 1st, 2024. Mr. Holcomb also shared how he adjusted the budget to align with the new funding amount. Mrs. Larson-Bennet inquired about the potential impact for the upcoming year. Mr. Holcomb responded that, per legal counsel, it is possible to issue a notice of funding opportunity and receive proposals. However, he advised against making any funding commitments until a modified budget is in place. The board conveyed their disagreement regarding the decision made by the Winnebago County Board.

Motion: To approve the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board budget amendment.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nabors
- iii. Discussion: None
 - a. Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
 - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Absent
 - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 - Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
 - Richard Kunnert: Aye
 - Wendy Larson-Bennett: Aye
 - Tim Nabors: Aye
 - Linda Sandquist: No
 - Mohammad Yunus: Aye
 - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



4. Fiscal Year 2024 WCCMHB Work Plan

Mr. Holcomb explained the completed Work Plan.

Motion: To approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Work Plan.

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

G. Discussion Items

1. Administration Costs

- i. Notes: Mr. Yunis inquired about the classification of administrative expenses. Mrs. Abate requested clarification from Mr. Holcomb regarding the administrative cost standards of other Illinois mental health boards, and Mr. Holcomb provided clarification.

H. Other Matters

1. No Other Matters

I. Adjournment

1. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:37 PM
 - i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
 - ii. Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Dr. Copeland, Dr. Gorski, Mrs. Sandquist