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Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 7th, 2024

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: President: Mary Ann Abate

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: Present, Left: 2:27 PM, Returned: 2:30 PM
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Present
- Tim Nabors: Present
- Linda Sandquist: Absent
- Mohammad Yunus: Absent at roll call arrived at 2:03 PM
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Chelsey Glatz, Nicole Bennett, Marc Hooks: Region 1 Planning Council
 - Will Crandall, Kris Bogue: Live4Lali
 - Mary Trujillo, Michaela Harris: City of Rockford
 - Susan Rotello: Citizen



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C. Public Comment

1. Will Crandall, Live4Lali
 - i. Notes: Mr. Crandall, the program manager for Boone and Winnebago County, introduced the Live4Lali program and their services.

D. Presentations

1. No Presentation

E. Monthly Activity Report – December 2023 & January 2024

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the December 2023 & January 2024 Activity Report.
 - i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb drew attention to the grant application and abstract entries, along with the newly available rack cards containing information on funded organizations and their programs. Additionally, the annual report and continuing grant process were emphasized.

F. Action Items

1. December 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the December 2023 Meeting Minutes.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Copeland
- iii. Discussion: Mrs. Abate noted a spelling discrepancy in the minutes.
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist

2. PY24 Special Conditions Met

Mr. Holcomb introduced the action item. Mrs. Larson-Bennett inquired if certain programs were eligible for services through Prairie State Legal Services. Mr. Holcomb and Mrs. Bennett clarified and highlighted a couple of programs in their efforts to meet the special conditions.

Motion: To approve the met PY24 Special Conditions.

- i. Raised by: Mrs. Larson-Bennett
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: None
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist



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3. Resolution No. 2024-X: Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations for Applications Received

Mrs. Abate read the resolution and the status of the received Accelerator Award proposals.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2024-X: Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations for Applications Received

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Gorski
- iii. Discussion: Dr. Gorski sought clarification on whether communication had been established with programs required to provide additional information and the timeframe to provide the information. In response, Mr. Holcomb indicated that such communication would be provided in line with the relevant programmatic requirements. Furthermore, he stated that if presentations are needed, they could be made during the next board meeting.
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist

4. Resolution No. 2024-X: PY4-6 New Program Abstract Decisions & Full Application Request Notice

Mrs. Abate read the resolution of the status of the abstracts submitted.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2024-X: PY4-6 New Program Abstract Decisions & Full Application Request Notice

- i. Raised by: Dr. Gorski
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: Mr. Nabors asked if the board members would get more information on why certain abstracts were not selected. Mr. Holcomb replied that an email would be sent to organizations explaining the decision. Mrs. Larson-Bennett asked about the evaluation and scoring process. Mr. Holcomb provided clarification. Mrs. Abate then presented the systems-level analysis that was taken into consideration. Dr. Gorski inquired about currently funded programs that may have submitted additional applications. Mr. Holcomb explained that if such programs exist, new applications can be merged with existing programs at the April board meeting.
 - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - b. Absent Board Members: Linda Sandquist



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G. Discussion Items

1. PY23 End Year Report

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb presented the PY23 End Year Report mentioning the progress of funded programs.

2. FY23 Annual Report

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb discussed the details of the expenditures, outcomes, people served, and the newly acquired funded programs page. Mr. Kunnert raised an inquiry about the gender disparity served through funded programs. Mr. Holcomb acknowledged the issue and expressed his willingness to explore it further.

3. Behavioral Health Workforce Center

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb clarified the involvement of WCCMHB and the purpose of the Behavioral Health Workforce Center.

H. Other Matters

- 1. No Other Matters

I. Adjournment

- 1. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 2:41 PM

- 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: Linda Sandquist