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Winnebago County Mental Health Board

March 6, 2020

12:15 PM

RM 505

Winnebago Administration Building

404 Elm St. Rockford, IL 61102

Re: Minutes of Mental Health Board Meeting

From: Richard Kunnert, Interim Board Secretary

Meeting called to order by Interim President Tim Nabors

Members present:

Tim Nabors, Danielle Angileri, Linda Sandquist, Dr. Terry Giardini, Dr. Bill Gorski, Dick Kunnert, and Mary Ann Abate by phone.

Advisors present:

Paul Carpenter, legal advisor from State's Attorney's Office

Wendy Larson Bennett, Volunteer Legal Advisor

Frank Haney, Winnebago County Chairman

Guest present:

Angie Goral, Winnebago County Board member

An introduction of all people present was made.

Request for Public Comment: none made.

Board business:

Chair recognized Chairman Haney who summarized process for establishing the MHB. Chairman Haney also suggested that the MHB expand its size from 7 to 9 members 1) to make the MHB membership profile better reflect the community, 2) to make it easier for the MHB to conduct business under the Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Haney requested a letter from the MHB requesting Chairman to expand the MHB from 7 to 9 members. A motion for a letter was made by Dick Kunnert, seconded by Mary Ann Abate and Danielle Angileri to provide the Chairman with such a letter. Members of the MHB voted unanimously to provide the letter.

Chairman Haney explained the meaning of the Open Meetings Act in conducting public business and the transparency required by the law. Chairman Haney challenged MHB members to become familiar with



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the basic requirements of the Open Meetings Act. This position was reinforced by Asst State's Attorney Paul Carpenter and Winnebago County Board member Angie Goral. Goral recommended MHB members use an online program to become familiar with Open Meeting Law requirements. Haney reminded MHB members a 48-hour prior notice was required by the law.

The MHB also discussed next steps. Mary Ann Abate mentioned that we needed to gather information from area 708 boards to provide organizational structure to the MHB. This information would include organizational by-laws and policies, plus processes for distributing funds for services.

Action items:

Linda Sandquist, Mary Ann Abate and Dick Kunnert were tasked with getting information from area 708 Boards to assist the MHB in organizational development.

Future Business:

Election of Officers

Development of organizational by-laws and policies.

Next meeting March 27th.

Submitted by

Dick Kunnert, Interim Secretary