



Region 1 Planning Council Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2024
127 N Wyman St, Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jury at 8:04 am.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was not present. Attending members included:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicago Rockford Int'l Airport	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry Economic Development Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Belvidere	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicor / Southern Co
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Freeport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern Illinois University
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Loves Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northwestern Illinois Building Trades
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Rochelle	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Park Public Water District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Rockford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rochelle Economic Development Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of South Beloit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Mass Transit District
<input type="checkbox"/>	ComEd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Advisory Forum Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Rivers Sanitation Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephenson County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater Freeport Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village of Cherry Valley
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Machesney Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Growth Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village of Roscoe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highland Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago County
<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Workforce Connection

3. Public Comment

Dan Snow addressed the board. Mr. Snow wanted to thank the board for their consideration of Belvidere's project proposal.

4. PRESENTATION: Investment in Regional Health Data *Angie Grover, Co-Founder/Chief Operating Officer, Metopio*

Mr. Holcomb introduced Ms. Grover, the co-founder and COO of Metopio. R1 has partnered with Metopio in response to a national increase in data studies and a desire to ensure that R1's data is consistent with that used by other organizations nationally, and to streamline services.

Metopio is a national company providing a variety of user-friendly data tools, including data dashboards. It curates federal, state, and local data and brings it to life so people across the region can use the same data to make decisions.

Currently, R1 has partnered with Metopio for Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) data needs and is considering expanding its use of this service, given the amount of fee for service and regional work the organization does.

Ms. Grover answered audience questions.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of September 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

b. Approval 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

6. Action Item: Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract for Mental Health Rideshare Provider

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

7. Action Item: Approving Slate of Nominees to the Community Advisory Forum 2-year Term of Jan. 2025 – Dec. 2026

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

8. Vote on RESOLUTION 2024-04: Livable Communities Initiative Technical Assistance Award

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

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10. Executive Director's Report

- a. First Quarter Financial Results* – Mr. Dunn reported that first quarter results look great. The organization's costs are on track in all categories.
- b. Facility Update* – Mr. Dunn mentioned that staff has outgrown the first floor R1 currently occupies. To address space constraints, Mr. Dunn has pursued leasing the second and third floors. It will be an open plan and provide the benefits of an additional conference room, fewer shared offices, and the ability to retain the Owl's Nest as a more professional conference room setting. Looking for lease amendment within the next 30 days.
- c. Program and Project Updates* – Mr. Dunn and Ms. Witherow promoted the Second Annual Legislative Luncheon. This event featured a panel of state reps and senators for a cost of \$60 per ticket and \$600 for a table. R1 will provide a large investment in technical support and landfill solution feasibility in 2025. Some initiatives overseen by the MPO will have new Community Advisory Forum (CAF) subcommittees. These include environmental discussions and the LCI program.

11. Other Business

Mr. Dunn stated that since there was no quorum, there may be a need to hold a special meeting to address issues that could not be voted on.

Chairman Chiarelli mentioned a Winnebago County lobbying company had a nominee for chief of staff in the new federal administration, providing local representation in Washington.

Mr. Dunn took a moment to acknowledge former Mayor Chamberlain's work for starting up R1 (as the founding chair) upon his passing.

12. Adjournment

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to **adjourn**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Amy Salamon

Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____