



WCCMHB

Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 1st, 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, 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
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent
- Linda Sandquist: Present
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Nicole Bennett, Chelsey Glatz, Marc Hooks: Region 1 Planning Council
 - Alignment Rockford: Julisa Bondurant
 - Community Foundation of Northern Illinois: Dan Ross
 - Live 4 Lali: Danielle Franzese and Will Crandell
 - Marshmallow's Hope: Laura Kane
 - RAMP: Amy Morris
 - Regional Education Office #4: Allison Pierson, Lori Hensley, and Scott Bloomquist
 - Rockford Barbell: Elliot Ganet



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- Rockford Fire Department: Jon Larson
- Rockford Park District: Kayla Tilly and Jessica Steinberg
- Rockford Public School District #205: Jen Lawrence
- Winnebago County Health Department: Cynthia Hall
- Winnebago County Sheriff: Sana Siddiquis
- UICOMR: Carol Schuster and Joe Garry

C. Public Comment

1. Linda Sandquist, Citizen
 - i. Notes: Mrs. Sandquist presented a resignation letter to WCCMHB President Mary Ann Abate. Sandquist commended WCCMHB for their initiative and shared she was leaving to join Rosecrance.

D. Presentations

1. **Accelerator Award: Regional Office of Education**
 - i. Presenter: Scott Bloomquist
 - ii. Notes: Bloomquist proposed a threat assessment and crisis training program incorporating trauma-informed care and fee-for-service programs in Winnebago County schools. The proposed program is centered on addressing student needs before, during, and after a crisis.
 - iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

2. **Accelerator Award: Community Foundation of Northern Illinois**
 - i. Presenter: Dan Ross
 - ii. Notes: Ross proposed hiring an "expert consultant" to assist in creating a mental health database to serve Winnebago County.
 - iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

E. Monthly Activity Report - April 2024

1. Occurred later in the meeting.



F. Action Items

1. April 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the April 2024 Meeting Minutes.

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

2. Program Year 2023-2024 Special Conditions Met

Dr. Gorski observed that the notes were thorough.

Motion: To approve Program Year 2023-2024 Special Conditions Met

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

3. Resolution 2024-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Year 2023-2024

Mr. Holcomb commented on the status of funded programs and budget updates.

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

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



4. Resolution 2024-XX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Special Project Funds for Accelerator Award Application

Mrs. Abate read the resolution out loud.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2024-XX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Special Project Funds for Accelerator Award Application

- i. Raised by: Mrs. Larson-Bennett
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: Dr. Gorski abstained from voting due to being on the YMCA's Fund Development Group.
 - a. Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
 - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
 - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 - Dr. Bill Gorski: Abstain
 - Richard Kunnert: Aye
 - Wendy Larson-Bennett: Aye
 - Tim Nabors: Absent
 - Mohammad Yunus: Aye
 - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



5. Resolution 2024-XXX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations for Applications Received

Motion: To approve Resolution 2024-XXX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determinations For Applications Received

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

G. Discussion Items

1. No Discussion Items

H. Other Matters

1. No Other Matters

E. Monthly Activity Report - April 2024

- a. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the April 2024 Activity Report.
 - i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb shared the Building Bridges to Recovery event, explaining that the event would host booths and a mental health keynote by skateboarding celebrity Brandon Novak.

I. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:10 PM
 - i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
 - ii. Seconded by: Dr. Copeland
 1. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 2. Absent Board Members: Tim Nabors