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WCCMHB

Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

WCCMHB looks to fill vacant seat

ROCKFORD, IL — Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) announces efforts to appoint a new board member to fill a recent vacancy. The term for this position runs through February 2027. Members of currently funded organizations are not eligible to become Board Members. There is no compensation for this appointment.

Applications will be accepted through **Friday, August 23rd, 2024 at 5 p.m. CST**. To apply, please email an updated resume and a cover letter to info@mentalhealth.wincoil.gov addressing the following:

1. Your personal interest in the WCCMHB's vision, mission, values and principles which are described at www.r1planning.org/wccmhb.
2. If you have a background of lived or professional experiences with mental health and/or substance use services, such as childhood mental health, trauma-informed care, or crisis response.
3. How your experience (including any experience as a WCCMHB board member), skills and viewpoint would increase the ability of the WCCMHB to understand and support specific mental health needs in Winnebago County.

The WCCMHB will be reviewing applications and making a recommendation to Winnebago County Board Chairman, Joe Chiarelli, who is the appointing authority for this position.

ABOUT WCCMHB – The purpose of the [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board](http://www.wincoil.gov/mentalhealth) (WCCMHB) is a board of appointed community leaders and public officials dedicated to investing and supporting mental health and substance use services for adults and children in Winnebago County. WCCMHB receives funding through a half-cent sales tax which was approved by Winnebago County residents in March 2020. This sales tax generates approximately \$18 million annually for mental health and substance use services across the county. WCCMHB positively impacts the Winnebago County community by increasing access to local services by providing support and funding to organizations, non-profits, and government agencies that offer mental health and substance use services. This allows Winnebago County residents to live and recover in the community.

ABOUT RPC – [Region 1 Planning Council](#) is a special-purpose, regional government agency providing cross-jurisdictional, government-to-government collaborative planning for Northern Illinois. The regional planning model provides an efficient means to promoting a well-informed, comprehensive dialogue that holistically addresses regional issues by fulfilling the needs of government entities for long-range planning, securing funding, and analyzing and providing data in support of regional projects and initiatives. *The Region 1 Planning Council provides staff support to the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board.*

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