



Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 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*, Dr. Terry Giardini: *Treasurer*, Andrell Bragg-Shaw, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Margie Lindmark, Tim Nabors, Jeff Nielsen, Dr. Amanda Penney, 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
- Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Present (Left at 3:06, returned at 3:07)
- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Present
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Margie Lindmark: Absent
- Tim Nabors: Present
- Jeff Nielsen: Absent
- Dr. Amanda Penney: Present
- Mohammad Yunus: Absent
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Region 1 Planning Council: Chelsey Glatz, Alex McCann, Emily Kate, Seth Boswell
 - Crusader Community Health: Terry White, Will Holm
 - City of Rockford: Mary Trujillo
 - Kikifer's Entrepreneurial Academy: Keishonda Williams
 - Live4Lali: John Ping
 - Sounds of Good News: Dr. Carl Cole
 - University of Illinois at Chicago - College of Medicine Rockford: Carol Schuster, Elizabeth Kroenig



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C. Public Comment

1. No Public Comment.

D. Presentations

1. Accelerator Award: Crusader Community Health – Q&A

- i. Presenters: Will Holm, Terry White
- ii. Notes: Will Holm led a presentation supported by Terry White. The presentation was centered on Crusader Community Health’s developing clinic at Alpine and Linden roads in southern Rockford. Mr. Holm explained that Crusader Community Health’s Accelerator Award application sought funding to apply to the existing project. The clinic will provide behavioral health services with a caseworker and behavioral health specialist.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

E. Monthly Activity Report – November 2024

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the November 2024 Activity Report.
 - i. Mr. Holcomb indicated that a sequential intercept model mapping update is in development with the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.



F. Action Items

1. November 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November 2024 Meeting Minutes.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nabors
- iii. Discussion: None

- i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
- ii. Absent Board Members: Margie Lindmark, Jeff Nielsen, Mohammad Yunus

2. Program Year 4-6 Special Conditions Met

Motion: To approve Program Year 4-6 Special Conditions Met

- i. Raised by: Dr. Gorski
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: Mr. Holcomb explained that the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine Rockford MERIT program's current funding agreement already includes advertising language. Mrs. Carol Schuster, a UIC College of Medicine Rockford representative, indicated that the proposal reflects the roll-out of area billboards raising awareness of their program and of child abuse.

- i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
- ii. Absent Board Members: Margie Lindmark, Jeff Nielsen, Mohammad Yunus



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

President Mary Ann Abate stated that the resolution as written awards funding to Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church and their Emmaus Mental Health program would be awarded \$22,000 in funding and denies funding for KIKIFER’S Entrepreneurial Academy’s Mentorship for Mental Health and Wellness: Expanding Support and Community Engagement proposal.

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

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Gorski
- iii. Discussion: None

- i. Motion **approved** by a roll call vote.
 - Andrell Bragg-Shaw: Aye
 - Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Aye
 - Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 - Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
 - Richard Kunnert: Aye
 - Margie Lindmark: Absent
 - Tim Nabors: Aye
 - Jeff Nielsen: Absent
 - Dr. Amanda Penney: Aye
 - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
 - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



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

President Mary Ann Abate gave an update on submitted applications. She indicated that the resolution as written moves the following proposals to full board review: Live4Lali, Inc’s Mobile Harm Reduction Outreach Program and Recovery Services program, Youth Services Network Inc’s Transportation Insecurity Program, Sounds of Good News’ “SPEAK IT! SING IT!” Video Project, and Rosecrance, Inc’s Empowerment Hub.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2024-XX: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Accelerator Awards Preliminary Review Determination for Applications Received

- i. Raised by: Dr. Giardini
- ii. Seconded by: Mrs. Bragg-Shaw
- iii. Discussion: None

- i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
- ii. Absent Board Members: Margie Lindmark, Jeff Nielsen, Mohammad Yunus

G. Discussion Items

1. Core Program Renewal For Program Year 5-6 Application Process

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb described the proposed process and timeline for a renewal application process for Core Programs that have one-year contracts.

2. Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Update

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb gave the Fiscal Year 2024 update.

3. Grassroots Funding

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb showed the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund model to the Board.



H. Other Matters

1. Mental Health Advisory Committee

- i. Notes: Mrs. Abate gave an update that the Committee has selected the consultant.

2. Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Teambuilding

- i. Notes: Mr. Nabors suggested teambuilding activities for Board members, to which several expressed interest.

I. Adjournment

1. Motion: For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:15 PM.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Copeland
 - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - ii. Absent Board Members: Margie Lindmark, Jeff Nielsen, Mohammad Yunus