



Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 6th, 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
- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Present
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Absent
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Margie Lindmark: Present
- Tim Nabors: Present (Left at 2:57, returned at 2:58)
- Jeff Nielsen: Present
- Dr. Amanda Penney: Present
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Region 1 Planning Council: Chelsey Glatz, Alex McCann, Emily Kate, Seth Boswell
 - City of Rockford: Mary Trujillo
 - Emmaus at Saints Peter and Paul: Jose Fernandez, Maria Fernandez
 - Live4Lali: Will Crandall, M. Jefferson
 - Kikifer's Entrepreneurial Academy: Henry McDavid, Keishonda Williams, Sammyah McDavid, Tahnia Willis-Brown
 - Sounds of Good News YES Club: Dr. Carl Cole
 - 17th Circuit Illinois Courts: Debbie Jarvis
 - Rosecrance: Sadie Cobio



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New Board Member Introduction

President Mary Ann Abate introduced Dr. Amanda Penney, a new Board member.

C. Public Comment

1. Dr. Carl Cole, Sounds Of Good News YES Club Founder/CEO
 - i. Notes: Dr. Cole spoke about his Accelerator Award application, referencing the City of Rockford Youth Poet Laureate's steering of a poetry and media program geared to combat bullying.

2. Sadie Cobio, Rosecrance
 - i. Notes: Mrs. Cobio expressed gratitude for the Board, sharing an anonymized report of a patient's success in a WCCMHB-funded program.

D. Presentations

1. Accelerator Award: EMMAUS

- i. Presenters: Jose Fernandez, Maria Fernandez
- ii. Notes: The presenters spoke to mental healthcare accessibility in Winnebago County's Hispanic community, requesting the Board's consideration for an Accelerator Award.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

2. Accelerator Award: KIKIFERS Academy

- i. Presenters: Keishonda Williamson and Sammyyah McDavid
- ii. Notes: The presenters provided a comprehensive background of KIKIFERS Academy, requesting Board's funding.
- iii. Board Members asked questions that the presenter answered.

E. Monthly Activity Report - October 2024

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the October 2024 Activity Report.
 - i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb requested that the Board provide presentation feedback on Foundant. He also spoke about the influx of Accelerator Award Letter of Interest submissions.



F. Action Items

1. October 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the October 2024 Meeting Minutes.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Yunus
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nielsen
- iii. Discussion: None
 - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - ii. Absent Board Members: Dr. Bill Gorski

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

Mr. Holcomb explained that the Marshmallow’s Hope Marshmallow’s Security System and HVAC proposal does not align with the Accelerator Award’s scope, but that it may be appropriate for Core Program Emergency Funding.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2024-X

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nielsen
- iii. Discussion: Mr. Holcomb clarified about the emergency funding option.
 - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - ii. Absent Board Members: Dr. Gorski

3. Work Plan Amendment – Winnebago County: Resource Intervention Center

Mr. Holcomb explained that the Winnebago County’s program scope of work was changing to better fulfill the intent of the program.

Motion: To approve the Work Plan Amendment

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



4. Work Plan Amendment – YMCA: Protecting Youth Mental Wellness

Mr. Holcomb described changes to the YMCA’s Work Plan Amendment, which expanded their served populations.

Motion: To approve the Work Plan Amendment

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

G. Discussion Items

1. Sales Tax Renewal

- i. President Mary Ann Abate spoke highly of the the 1/2 Sales Tax renewal on November 5th, 2024.

H. Other Matters

1. Winnebago County Board Presentation

- i. Dr. Giardini invited the Board to attend the Winnebago County Board meeting on November 26th, 2024 where he will discuss the WCCMHB’s budget.

I. Adjournment

1. Motion: For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 2:58PM

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Mrs. Bragg-Shaw
 - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - ii. Absent Board Members: Dr. Gorski