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Winnebago County  
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## Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 PM CST

**Location:** Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 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: Absent at Roll Call, Arrived at 2:01, Left: 2:36, Returned: 2:41
- Dr. Terry Giardini: Present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Wendy Larson-Bennett: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent at Roll Call, Arrived at 2:39
- Linda Sandquist: Present
- Mohammad Yunus: Absent
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
  - Chelsey Glatz, Nicole Bennett: Region 1 Planning Council
  - Dr. Alex Stagnaro-Green, Regional Dean for UIC of Medicine at Rockford
  - Alberto Carrion, Tania Popoca: Remedies Renewing Lives
  - Michaela Harris: City of Rockford
  - Stephanie Brock: Brightpoint
  - Alex Stagnaro-Green, Carol Schust: UIC
  - Terry White, Luis Delgado, Will Holm: Crusader
  - Danielle Angiler: NAMI
  - Michele Pankow, Todd Monehan: Rockford Fire Department

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**C. Public Comment**

1. None

**D. Presentations**

**1. UIC College of Medicine:**

- i. Presenter: Dr. Alex Stagnaro-Green, Regional Dean for UIC of Medicine at Rockford
- ii. Notes: Dr. Stagnaro-Green gave a presentation on the recruitment, training, and retention of social workers and psychiatrists in rural communities.
- iii. Board asked questions that Dr. Stagnaro-Green answered.

**E. Monthly Activity Report – May-July 2023**

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the May-July 2023 Activity Report.
  - i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb highlighted the success of events such as Building Bridges and the Mental Health America Conference. Stated the interest of city and county members during the presentation given at the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. Briefly informed the Board of the Public Comment and Open House events for the Strategic Plan draft.

**F. Action Items**

**1. June 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: To approve the June 2023 Meeting Minutes.

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



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**2. Resolution 2023-X: Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Mental Health Board Funding and Allocation of Grant Funds for New Funding Applications for Program Year 2023-2024 (PY24)**

Mrs. Abate read the resolution, announcing new grant programs.

**Motion:** To approve new program proposals.

- i. Raised by: Mrs. Larson-Bennett
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- 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
    - Linda Sandquist: Aye
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



**3. Resolution 2023-X: Resolution Authorizing Funded Programs' Budget Updates for Program Year 2022-2023**

Mr. Holcomb outlined the steps involved in updating budgets for both existing and new programs. He then provided a brief overview of how funding is allocated for each program. Mr. Kunnert further explained NICNE's evidence-based program. Mrs. Larson-Bennett asked if there was an existing requirement for programs to use the evidence-based program to conduct evaluations. Mr. Holcomb stated that it is not stated in the funding contracts, although it is encouraged.

**Motion:** To approve funded program budget updates.

- i. Raised by: Dr. Giardini
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nabors
- iii. Discussion: A discourse was held concerning the ongoing expenses and advancements in the software maintenance of the Fire Department. Chief Pankow answered the Board's questions and provided an update.
  - 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: Aye
    - Linda Sandquist: Aye
    - Mohammad Yunus: Absent
    - Mary Ann Abate: Aye



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**G. Discussion Items**

**1. Strategic Plan Draft for Public Comment**

- i. Notes: Mr. Holcomb explained the process of gathering public comment, and the Open House events dates, times, and the deadline.

**H. Other Matters**

- 1. No Other Matters

**I. Adjournment**

- 1. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 2:56 PM

- i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
- ii. Seconded by: Dr. Giardini
  - a. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
  - b. Absent Board Members: Mr. Yunus