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Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 1st, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, 1st Floor, Rockford, IL 61101 or virtual at [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board YouTube Page](#)

NOTICE: Consistent with [State of Illinois Executive Order 2020-07](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Committee Members are permitted to participate in this meeting by conference call.

Called by: Mary Ann Abate: President

Members: Richard Kunnert: Vice President, Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Treasurer, Danielle Angileri: Secretary, Dr. Bill Gorski, Dr. Terry Giardini, Tim Nabors, Linda Sandquist

Advisory Members: Wendy Larson Bennett, Jay Ware

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
- Richard Kunnert: present
- Dr. K. Edward Copeland: absent
- Danielle Angileri: present
- Dr. Bill Gorski: present
- Dr. Terry Giardini: present
- Tim Nabors: present
- Linda Sandquist: present
- Wendy Larson Bennett: present
- Jay Ware: absent
- Jason Holcomb: present
- Guests: Erica Gilmore, Rosecrance; Craig A Stallings, Rosecrance



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C. Public Comment

1. Erica Gilmore, director of mental health crisis services at Rosecrance came to speak on updates from grant dollars. Erica mentioned the enhancement of medical for 24/7 nursing at the Mulberry Center and expansion of CCRT program with positions being added.
2. Regarding updates from funded agencies, discussion on giving representatives an optional opportunity for short presentations during each WCCMHB meeting. Representatives will bring the human perspective to grant dollars. Mr. Holcomb will add this discussion to the next agenda.

D. Action Items

1. August 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the August 2021 meeting minutes was carried.

- i. Raised by: Mr. Nabors
- ii. Seconded by: Mrs. Sandquist
 1. Mary Ann Abate: Aye
 2. Richard Kunnert: Aye
 3. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Absent
 4. Danielle Angileri: Aye
 5. Dr. Bill Gorski: Aye
 6. Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 7. Tim Nabors: Aye
 8. Linda Sandquist: Aye

2. Election of Officers

- i. Mr. Kunnert nominates Mrs. Abate for President, Mr. Nabors seconds.
- ii. Dr. Giardini nominates Mr. Kunnert for Vice President, Ms. Angileri seconds.
- iii. Mr. Nabors nominates Dr. Copeland for Treasurer, Dr. Gorski seconds.
- iv. Dr. Giardini nominates Ms. Angileri for Secretary, Mr. Nabors seconds.

Motion: Full slate motioned above was carried.

- i. Raised by: Mrs. Sandquist
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Nabors
 1. Mary Ann Abate: Aye



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2. Richard Kunnert: Aye
 3. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Absent
 4. Danielle Angileri: Aye
 5. Dr. Bill Gorksi: Aye
 6. Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 7. Tim Nabors: Aye
 8. Linda Sandquist: Aye
- iii. Discussion: Since there are no contests to the nominations, the board approve those elected as a full slate. 10/1/2021 - 6/30/2022.

E. Discussion Items

1. PY21-22 Funded Program Updates: Attached document
 - i. Identified that case management and family services is lacking
 - ii. Upon receiving quarter one outcome reports from agencies, we will compare results to the findings from the Environmental Scan as part of a more detailed and thorough analysis. We expect to receive data from funded agencies regarding outcomes in September.
2. Legislation Update: Attached legislative document regarding mental health. Highlights include:
 - i. Public Act 102-0016: *Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Provides that the Children's Mental Health Plan shall include recommendations for ensuring all Illinois youth receive mental health education and have access to mental health care in the school setting. Provides that in developing these recommendations, the Children's Mental Health Partnership shall consult with the State Board of Education, education practitioners, health care professionals, disability advocates, and other representatives as necessary to ensure the interests of all students are represented. Effective July 1, 2021.*
 - ii. Public Act 102-0337: *Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall create and maintain an online database and resource page on its website. Provides that the database and*



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resource page shall contain mental health resources specifically geared toward first responders with the goal of connecting those persons with mental health resources related to crisis services, wellness, trauma information, nutrition, stress reduction, anxiety, depression, violence prevention, suicide prevention, and substance use and of encouraging information sharing among families of first responders, first responder organizations, first responder professional organizations, and first responders.

- iii. HB2784: *Creates the Housing is Recovery Pilot Program Act. Creates the Housing is Recovery Pilot Program within the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health. Provides that the Program shall provide bridge rental subsidies for individuals at high risk of unnecessary institutionalization and individuals at high risk of overdose for purposes of stabilizing their mental illness or substance abuse disorder. Provides criteria for the award, computation, and payment of bridge rental subsidies. Sets forth the responsibilities of persons receiving bridge rental subsidies. Provides for the identification and referral to the Program of persons eligible to receive bridge rental subsidies prior to their discharge from a hospital or release from a correctional facility. Provides standards for housing service providers, long-term housing, and temporary rental units. Provides that the Department will contract with an independent outside research organization to evaluate the Program's effectiveness, and shall report the results of the evaluation to the General Assembly after 5 years. Provides rulemaking authority. Defines terms. Effective immediately.*
- iv. Public Act 102-0379: *Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county that is authorized to impose a Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax For Public Safety, Public Facilities, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, or Transportation shall establish a 7-member mental health board, which shall have the same powers and duties and be constituted in the same manner as a community mental health board established under the Community Mental Health Act. Provides*



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that moneys from the special county retailers' occupation tax that are earmarked for mental health or substance abuse purposes shall be deposited into a special county occupation tax fund for mental health and substance abuse. Provides that that fund shall be administered by the 7-member mental health board.

F. Other Matters

1. Bylaws need to be amended for Public Act 102-0379
2. Awaiting Chairman Chiarelli to announce his choice for new board member

G. Adjournment

1. Motion: For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 2:50 PM
 - i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
 - ii. Seconded by: Ms. Angileri
 1. Mary Ann Abate: Aye
 2. Richard Kunnert: Aye
 3. Dr. K. Edward Copeland: Absent
 4. Danielle Angileri: Aye
 5. Dr. Bill Gorksi: Aye
 6. Dr. Terry Giardini: Aye
 7. Tim Nabors: Aye
 8. Linda Sandquist: Aye



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