



Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 2nd, 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, 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: Present
- Richard Kunnert: Present
- Margie Lindmark: Present
- Tim Nabors: Absent
- Jeff Nielsen: Present
- Mohammad Yunus: Present
- Jason Holcomb: Present
- Guests:
 - Region 1 Planning Council: Nicole Bennett, Seth Boswell, Marc Hooks, Emily Kate
 - Kikifers Entrepreneurial Academy: Keyshonda Williamson, Stephanie Willis Smith, Aishah Roach, Samaya McDavid, Gerard Grines, Anita Weiland, Tannia Willis Brown, A. Walker
 - Rosecrance: Sadie Cobio



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C. Public Comment

1. Keyshonda Williams, Kikifers Entrepreneurial Academy (KEA)
 - i. Mrs. Williamson identified herself as a co-founder of KEA, stating that it is her life’s mission to empower young people. She requests that the WCCMHB approve their funding application.
2. Stephanie Wells-Smith, KEA
 - i. Mrs. Wells-Smith advocated for KEA, speaking to their use of trauma-informed practices.
3. Samaya McDavid, KEA
 - i. Ms. McDavid identified herself as a KEA student and stated the program mentorship was valuable to her.
4. Gerard Hines, KEA
 - i. Mr. Hines stated he was pleased with his grandson’s achievements at KEA.
5. Tamiya Willis Brown, KEA
 - i. Ms. Brown identified herself as a KEA student who credited the program with supporting her throughout foster care.
6. L. Walker, KEA
 - i. L. spoke to KEA’s value to the community.
7. Sadie Cobio, Rosecrance
 - i. Ms. Cobio expressed gratitude for the WCCMHB, stating that the Rosecrance campus on Harrison Avenue in Rockford wouldn’t have been possible without the Board’s support. She said the campus served 390 people this year.

D. Presentations – None

E. Monthly Activity Report - September 2024

1. Jason Holcomb, WCCMHB Director, gave the September 2024 Activity Report.
 - i. Mr. Holcomb noted that the WCCMHB received an honorable mention in the Grant Professionals organization’s Grantmaker of the Year awards.
 - ii. Mr. Holcomb also invited the Board and the public to the SOAR Academy Playground Ribbon-Cutting ceremony, which will take place on 10/04/24 at 3:00 PM. The project received Accelerator Award funding.



F. Action Items

1. September 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the September 2024 Meeting Minutes.

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

2. Program Year 4-6 Special Conditions Met

Mr. Holcomb inquired if the Board had any questions, none were raised.

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

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



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

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: Mr. Nielsen
- 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: Aye
 - Tim Nabors: Absent
 - Jeff Nielsen: Aye
 - Mohammad Yunus: Aye
 - 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

Mrs. Abate explained that the Resolution moved Crusader Community Health’s Crusader New Behavioral Access Point and the Kikifer Entrepreneurial Academy’s Mentorship for Mental Health and Wellness: Expanding Support and Community Engagement applications to the Full Review Determination stage, where they will each receive an evaluation score.

Mrs. Abate also explained that the Board did not move the Tommy Corral Memorial Foundation’s Community Mental Health First Aid Education and Training to the Full Review Determination due to the proposal’s misalignment with the WCCMHB’s strategic plan.

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

- i. Raised by: Dr. Gorski
- ii. Seconded by: Mr. Kunnert
- iii. Discussion: Dr. Gorski inquired the timing of applications, which Mr. Hooks clarified.
 - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - ii. Absent Board Members: Tim Nabors

5. 2025 Board Meeting Calendar

The revised 2025 Board Meeting Calendar changes the January Board Meeting to January 8th, 2025.

Motion: To approve the 2025 Board Meeting Calendar

- i. Raised by: Mr. Nielsen
- ii. Seconded by: Mrs. Abate
- iii. Discussion: none
 - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - ii. Absent Board Members: Tim Nabors



G. Discussion Items

1. Mr. Holcomb described finishing the financial and outcome reviews for Program Year 3 and completing the End of Year Report.
2. **Core Program Updates**
 - i. Mrs. Bennett gave a presentation on Core Program Updates.
 - ii. Dr. Gorski and Mr. Kunnert asked questions that Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Abate answered.
3. **WCCMHB Data Dashboard**
 - i. Mr. Boswell presented the WCCMHB Data Dashboard.
4. **Site Visit Feedback**
 - i. Mr. Holcomb and Mrs. Bennett requested feedback on the site visit process from the Board.
 - i. Mr. Nielsen, Dr. Giardini, Mr. Yunus, and Dr. Gorski asked questions that Mr. Holcomb and Mrs. Bennett answered.
 - ii. Mr. Kunnert commended the Board's achievements.

H. Other Matters

1. **Dr. Terry Giardini's Update**
 - i. Dr. Giardini gave an update on a meeting with Winnebago County Chairman Joe Chiarelli and Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana.
2. **Dr. Bill Gorski's Update on the Behavioral Health Committee**
 - i. Dr. Gorski stated that the Behavioral Health Committee is in the process of hiring a consultant.
3. **Mrs. Andrell Bragg-Shaw Inquiry**
 - i. Mrs Bragg-Shaw asked about the Board's role in the upcoming election as it relates to the ½ cent sales tax for mental health. Mrs. Abate explained there is a legal memo that can be sent to new Board Members regarding prohibited activities.

I. Adjournment

1. **Motion:** For Adjournment was carried. Adjourned at 3:19 PM
 - i. Raised by: Mr. Kunnert
 - ii. Seconded by: Mrs. Abate
 - i. Motion **approved** by a unanimous vote of all Board Members present.
 - ii. Absent Board Members: Mr. Nabors