



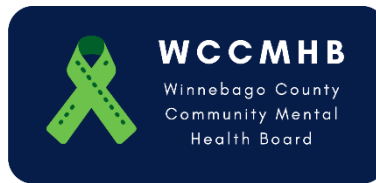
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Mental Health Strategic Plan Public Comment

ROCKFORD, IL — The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) is inviting the public to provide input on a draft of its updated three-year strategic plan covering Program Years 7-9. WCCMHB used local data collection and analysis to identify service gaps and aims to improve mental health services in Winnebago County. Public comments will be reviewed and considered prior to the final publication of Strategic Plan 3.0.

To access and read the draft report, go to the WCCMHB website (r1planning.org/community-impact/wccmhb/).

Public comment can be emailed to pmoton@r1planning.org by Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

ABOUT WCCMHB – The [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board](#) (WCCMHB) is a board of appointed community leaders and public officials dedicated to investing and supporting mental health and substance use services for adults and children in Winnebago County. WCCMHB receives funding through a half-cent sales tax which was approved by Winnebago County residents in March 2020 and November 2024. This sales tax generates approximately \$20 million annually for mental health and substance use services across the county. WCCMHB positively impacts the Winnebago County community by increasing access to local services by providing support and funding to organizations, non-profits, and government agencies that offer mental health and substance use services. This allows Winnebago County residents to live and recover in the community.

ABOUT RPC – [Region 1 Planning Council](#) is a special-purpose, regional government agency providing cross-jurisdictional, government-to-government collaborative planning for Northern Illinois. The regional planning model provides an efficient means to promoting a well-informed, comprehensive dialogue that holistically addresses regional issues by fulfilling the needs of government entities for long-range planning, securing funding, and analyzing and providing data in support of regional projects and initiatives. *The Region 1 Planning Council provides staff support to the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board.*

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