



# News Release

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## Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Update

The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) held a scheduled board meeting today in which they approved mission, vision, values, and principles statements. These statements were developed over the course of the past several months with great reflection and consideration and will guide the work of the mental health board. Feedback was provided from individuals and family members who have experienced mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders directly. The statements can be viewed on the board's webpage at <https://wincoil.us/departments/mental-health-board/>.

The Board also reviewed some of the key findings from the Environmental Scan Survey, which was conducted August through September, 2020, to assess the array of mental health and substance abuse services offered in Winnebago County. These findings will inform the development of a three-year strategic plan aimed at improving the mental health and substance abuse service delivery system. The plan will guide the prioritization of funding for services and programs. The mental health board will be presenting these findings along with their fiscal year work plan to the Winnebago County Board on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

"The data really helps us pinpoint our focus. It's helpful that we can identify where there is duplication of service and where there are gaps," says Board President Mary Ann Abate. "We can now help those individuals who have limited access to services and remove the barriers that keep them from receiving these much needed services."

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