



Mental Health Board

Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:00pm

Boardroom

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call** - Supervisor Tim Heneghan called the meeting to order at 8:03pm.
Members present: Kathy Reed, MaryAnn Ogilvie, Bob Ogilvie, Joanmarie Wermes, Gina Raza, Trustee Lauren Saternus. Kenneth Haycock joined at 8:09pm.
Other present: Tim Heneghan, Jillian Bernas, 2 students from Dominican University.
- II. Introduction** - Those present introduced themselves and shared their background.
Trustee Saternus volunteered to take the minutes.
- III. Dreaming Big for Better Outcomes** - Trustee Saternus encouraged the Board to think about big solutions and begin the needs assessment with an open mind about what the Mental Health Board can do.
- IV. Approval of Minutes (Future)**
- V. Upcoming Events & Open Meeting Act (OMA) Training** - Information was shared about an upcoming ACMHAI forum for new board members in Hanover Township on Friday, March 24th from 2-4pm. Open Meetings Act training requirements were discussed. Members discussed attending Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board meeting on February 8th at 6:30pm. Monthly meetings were set for the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45pm through at least May.
- VI. Needs Assessment Planning** - The group discussed the possibility of outsourcing the needs assessment and/or receiving support from the Township. Data collection methods were discussed, including meetings with specified stakeholders (e.g., village department heads, school staff, caretakers, consumers of services) and printing a QR code in the Town Crier with a link to a brief survey. Jillian Bernas shared that responses may need to be weighted in order to ensure appropriate representation of the overall population.
- VII. New Business**
 1. Election of Officers - The duties of each office were reviewed. Trustee Saternus moved to nominate Bob Ogilvie as Chair, Kathy Reed as Vice



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Chair, and MaryAnn Ogilvie as Secretary; Joanmarie

Wernes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Determine By-Laws - By-laws from existing Mental Health Boards were reviewed. The by-laws of Bloomingdale Township were favored as a template. The following potential changes were discussed: add “or grant funding to” to Section B after “and/or contract with”; including prevention in Section B; change Section B #3 to “Substance Use Disorders”; adjustment of the maximum allowable grant amount. Joanmarie moved to adopt the Bloomingdale Township by-laws in their current form with an expectation that future edits will be needed; Bob Ogilvie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discuss purpose and goals
4. Tiered Framework
 - A. Prevention for All
 - B. Mitigating Risks for Some
 - C. Intensive Services for a Few

VIII. Committee Member Comments - Kathy Reed and other members shared a desire to share the Board’s launch with the public. Publication in the Town Crier and collaboration with the library were discussed. Trustee Saturnus shared that board members should receive an email address in order to facilitate communication among individual members of the group. Kenneth Haycock asked for clarification on the difference between the Mental Health Committee and the Mental Health Board. Trustee Saturnus described the role of the Mental Health Committee and noted that the Mental Health Board has its own dedicated funding as well as autonomy in funding decisions.

IX. Next Meeting Date - March 7th, 2023 at 7:45pm

X. Adjournment