



# Mental Health Committee

## Minutes

*Tuesday, March 7, 2023 7:00pm*

*Boardroom*

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Meeting Norms** - Meeting called to order at 7:00pm; attended by Gina Raza, MaryAnn Ogilvie, Joanmarie Wermes, Kathy Reed, Stephanie Bertels; staff liaison Katy Trent and Trustee Lauren Saternus
- II. Welcome/Introduction of Visitors**
- III. Public Comments**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 2/7/2023** - Joanmarie moved to approve; Stephanie Bertels seconded. Revisions were made to remove Jonathan Rubin's name from the minutes, add Stephanie Bertels, change heading to "Minutes." Joanmarie moved to approve minutes as revised; and Gina seconded. Approved with revisions by voice vote.
- V. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VI. Old Business**
  - A. In Our Own Voice - Monday, March 6 - An ASL interpreter was available; lots of great questions; each speaker accepted a \$50 gift card for their participation. Attendees had several excellent suggestions for mental health services and programs in the Township, and everyone stayed through the end of the presentation.
- VII. New Business**
  - A. Upcoming Programming
    1. Minds Matter - Tuesday, May 2
      - a) Facilities/Exhibitors - Jillian Bernas, Joanmarie Wermes - 15 exhibitors as of today

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- b) Speakers/Sponsors - MaryAnn Ogilvie, Mary Cloonan-Walsh - speakers identified and scheduled; no update on sponsorships; Stephanie will send Katy a list of allergen-friendly snacks
- c) Marketing - Gina Raza, Katy Trent – draft flier was circulated
- 2. Mental Health First Aid - May 31, 9:00am - 3:30pm, for Township's frontline personnel; also sent out to other townships; capped at 30 attendees
- 3. Transition to 708 Mental Health Board - meets tonight at 7:45; there will be no gap in funding during the transition, but emergency funding for agencies will not be available until the Mental Health Board is fully funded in March 2024

### **VIII. Board and Liaison Reports and Review of Agency Bills**

- A. Board Liaison Report - Trustee Lauren Saternus - Lauren shared an email she had received from Diana Nelson, Director of Welfare Services, regarding community members struggling with the waiting period for mental health services. Suggestion was made for an on-site social worker at the Township.
- B. Mary Cloonan-Walsh - SHARE - No update
- C. Northwest CASA - No liaison appointed
- D. Stephanie Bertels - Kenneth Young Center - No update
- E. Gina Raza - Life Span - No update
- F. MaryAnn Ogilvie - Villages - MaryAnn will continue circulating newsletters.
- G. Jillian Bernas - Library - No update
- H. Stephanie Bertels - Schools - No update

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### **IX. Committee Member Comments - Committee**

members discussed our Committee's and community's tragic loss of Jonathan Rubin.

Committee members shared fond memories of Jonathan and discussed the importance of the work he did on the Mental Health Committee.

### **X. Next Meeting Date -Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00pm, Boardroom**

### **XI. Adjournment - Gina moved to adjourn; Mary seconded. Approved by voice vote.**

Adjourned at 7:39pm.

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