



Mental Health Board Minutes

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7:00pm
Boardroom*

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome** – President Bob Ogilvie called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Visitors were welcomed.
- II. Roll Call** - Members present: Kathy Reed, Joanmarie Wermes, Gina Raza, Trustee Lauren Saternus, Kenneth Haycock, Bob Ogilvie and MaryAnn Ogilvie
Others present: Antonio Mannings, Laura Nash, Cathy Cimo, Kalindi Patel, Brendan Gates
- III. Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2023** – Joanmarie made a motion to approve. MaryAnn seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by voice vote.
- IV. Public Comments** –
 - A. Laura Nash stated she has completed the focus group screening tool. She now works at Hopemark Health.
 - B. Cathy Cimo and Kalindi Patel work with Laura at Hopemark Health.
 - C. Brendan Gates stated he is very interested in helping the Board, especially regarding the elderly.
- V. Reports** –
 - A. MaryAnn reported that the MHB now has a Facebook page. Posts are made approximately every two weeks.
 - B. Lauren said that 226 survey responses have been received to date. Groups that have not had much response are young adults, males, and non-Whites.
- VI. Old Business** –
 - A. Bob opined that the MHB description on the Township website is rather dry and not very descriptive. He asked that all members submit ideas to improve the wording at the August meeting. Bob suggested that the member application be available via a link on the page instead of being present in its entirety on the main page. Lauren recommended that all requested changes to the website be submitted all at once to ease the burden on the Township staff who will make the changes. Gina suggested the Board be expanded by two more “diverse” members soon.
- VII. New Business** –
 - A. It is critical that the MHB create an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Township in order borrow money to have operating funds. Terms would be explained in the agreement. Members were asked to think about what is needed in the agreement (e.g. resources the MHB needs) and bring those ideas to the August



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meeting. Ken suggested obtaining IGAs from or other MHBs for reference.

- VIII. Guest Speaker** – Antonio Mannings, Consultant at BCG Learning Solutions. Mr. Mannings, along with Dr. Sean Bailey, will conduct the focus groups which begin next week. Mr. Mannings emphasized that the MHB be able to explain WHY the Board is doing the needs assessment. When the data has been collected, 3-5 goals will need to be established. The overarching goal is that all Township residents who need services for mental illness, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities have a consistent experience. Mr. Mannings said that more focus group participants are needed.
- IX. Board Member Comments** –
- A. Members who attended the Kenneth Young Center (KYC) tour prior to today's meeting expressed how educational it was.
- X. Next Meeting Date** – August 1, 2023, 7:00pm
- XI. Adjournment** – Lauren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gina seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.