



# Mental Health Board Minutes

September 5, 2023, 7:00pm  
Boardroom

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome** – President Bob Ogilvie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Visitors were welcomed.
- II. Roll Call** - Members present: Gina Raza, Trustee Lauren Saternus, Kenneth Haycock, Kathy Reed, Bob Ogilvie and MaryAnn Ogilvie  
Member absent: Joanmarie Wermes  
Others present: Laura Nash, Connie Arkus, Cathy Cimo
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2023** – Lauren made a motion to approve. MaryAnn seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written by voice vote.
- IV. Public Comments** –
  - A. Bob began by clarifying the 3-minute rule for public comments. He stated that the MHB membership application is online. Volunteers are always needed. A MHB member may not belong to an agency that applies for MHB funding.
  - B. Connie Arkus asked if there is any concern by our Board regarding the Wheeling Township referendum validity issue. Connie learned that the Village of Schaumburg will be doing a needs assessment soon that will be headed by Andrew Buckwinkler.
  - C. Laura expressed that it would be helpful if more businesses got involved with the MHB and more people became aware of the MHB.
- V. Reports** –
  - A. Bob stated that a certain township is questioning the validity of the referendum. Bob explained that the wording used in the referendum was taken directly from the Illinois Mental Health Practice Act. The TOS MHB is not entering into any discussion regarding this issue. MHB members are not to discuss this topic with any media personnel or organization.
- VI. Old Business** –
  - A. Grant Applications – Bob stated that this process will be very time-consuming. There is an unknown number of applicants. Meeting frequency will likely increase to conduct this grant application review process. The applications from the TOS Senior and Disabilities Committee and Welfare Services go out in mid-September and are due in October. Ken asked how we will know what services are needed. Members commented that we have some sense of the needs from the



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needs assessment survey responses and the focus group results. In a year, after seeing how the funding is used, there will be a clearer idea of specific needs. Perhaps a new needs assessment could be conducted at that time. In the meantime, the MHB has the authority to grant emergency funding throughout the year. In addition to contacting the currently funded agencies, Bob would like to reach out to agencies that provide the services that TOS needs. The top two needs are affordability and insurance coverage. MaryAnn suggested a widespread request for grant applications. Perhaps there should be a focus on agencies who provide free services or payment on a sliding scale. Application presentations by agencies will be done in November. MHB needs to make the funding decisions by the December MHB meeting on December 5, 2023.

**VII. New Business –**

Lauren deferred the discussion of Intergovernmental Agreements to the next meeting.

**VIII. Board Member Comments –** Gina said she will be absent at the October 3 meeting.

**IX. Next Meeting Date –** October 3, 2023, 7:00pm

**X. Adjournment –** Lauren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MaryAnn seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.