



# Mental Health Board Needs Assessment Committee Minutes

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023 8:00pm  
Board Room*

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Trustee Lauren Saternus called the meeting to order at 8:15pm..  
Members present: Trustee Lauren Saternus, Ken Haycock, Bob Ogilvie, MaryAnn Ogilvie, Gina Raza, Kathy Reed, Joanmarie Wermes  
Members absent: None  
Others present: Laura Nash, Brendan Gates, Andy Bullock
- II. Welcome/Introduction to Visitors** – Lauren welcomed everyone. Visitors introduced themselves.
- III. Public Comments** - None
- IV. Approval of Minutes** – Bob moved to approve the minutes of 9/5/23. Ken seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by voice vote.
- V. Old Business** –
  - A. Top Priorities and Action Plan** – Each member identified his/her top priorities from the needs assessment results. Lauren: wait list, opioid crisis, basic needs not being met (i.e. food, housing, money); Kathy: wait list; Joanmarie: no insurance and those who do not qualify for Medicaid; Bob: providers not accepting Medicaid; MaryAnn: access to treatment/not knowing where to go for help and lack of providers who accept Medicaid; Ken: awareness of resources. The top four priorities that were decided upon after discussion are:
    1. Wait list
    2. Transportation and housing
    3. Education and stigma reduction
    4. Community connectionOther discussions points made: There are many agencies, but they don't all know where to refer clients. Transportation is challenging, especially for those with developmental disabilities. Volunteer drivers could be required to attend Mental Health First Aid if a transportation volunteer program is established. MHB could require funded agencies to provide educational events/presentations for the community.
  - B. Communication of Needs Assessment to Board and Public** – The Needs Assessment presentation will be shown at the Dec. 13, 7:00pm, Board of Trustees meeting. All MHB members should attend. A member or members, other than Lauren, as she will be in her role as Trustee, will present the needs assessment presentation to the Board. Lauren drafted a Google slide presentation template and will send it to MaryAnn and Kathy for them to create the



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presentation. MHB will meet on November 28, 7:00 to finalize the presentation, which will be sent to the Trustees prior to the Dec. 13 meeting. After acceptance by the Board, the needs assessment presentation will be made available to the public via the MHB webpage. Bob and Kathy will write a letter to the editor.

- VI. New Business** – This Needs Assessment Committee has completed its goal of conducting a needs assessment and, as such, does not need any further meetings at this time.
- VII. Committee Member Comments** – None
- VIII. Next meeting** – None. Full MHB meeting - November 7, 2023, 7:00pm, to view grant application presentations; Board room
- IX. Adjournment** – Gina moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.