

Schaumburg Township Mental Health Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2024 7:00 pm Township of Schaumburg – Upper Level – Boardroom 1 Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL60169

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome – President Bob Ogilvie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests were welcomed.

II. Roll Call - Members present: Bob Ogilvie, Trustee Lauren Saternus, Kathleen Reed, Gina Raza, Joanmarie Wermes, Binoy Thomas and MaryAnn Ogilvie

Members absent: None

Guests: Courtney Burton, Mary Crick, Jessica Kazaniwskyj

Executive Director: Quinette Hobson-Robb

III. **Public Comments**

None

IV. **Approval of Minutes -**

A. Joanmarie made a motion to approve the July 2, 2024, MHB meeting minutes. MaryAnn seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

V. **Executive Director's Report**

- A. See attached report.
- B. Of note: Quinette has completed on-site visits with all funded providers. Two additional applications for funding were received and reviewed and presentations scheduled for tonight's meeting.
- C. Winnebago County MHB is drafting a policy on the member appointment process and will share with other MHBs.
- D. Quinette shared the list of currently funded agencies with their reported data from March May, 2024.

VI. **Old Business -**

A. Funding request for \$30,000 for Rise Beyond Your Roots (RBYR): Bob made a motion to decline funding. Lauren seconded the motion. All members approved by voice vote. Factors driving this declination include but are not limited to: 1. There is another organization providing this service. 2. RBYR would function as a consultant, not a direct care provider. 3. Some of the data in the application regarding number of Township residents to be served and the % of funds toward Township residents do not favor the Township. 4. RBYR is a very young company which does not have a substantial track record to date. Jessica Kazaniwskyj was told that this decision applies only to the FY25 year. She is able to reapply, if she wishes, for any future year.

VII. New Business –

- A. Going forward, the MHB decided that all grant applications will be considered at the current cycle published dates. Only requests for emergency funding will be considered off-cycle. Wording on the website needs to be changed accordingly.
- B. Courtney Burton gave a presentation about Fellowship Housing to accompany the funding application for \$5,000 for the remainder of FY25. Joanmarie moved to approve the \$5,000. Kathy seconded the motion. All members approved the motion by roll call vote.
- C. Mary Crick gave a presentation about Associates in Behavioral Health Care (ABC) to accompany the funding application for \$10,000 for the remainder of FY25. MaryAnn made a motion to approve this request. Lauren seconded the motion. All members approved the motion by roll call vote. Mary indicated that ABC can offer office space for Teen Parent Connection to be used for various events, such as an upcoming diaper donation drive. Quinette thanked Mary and will inform Teen Parent Connection.
- D. Lauren will relay MHB's recommendations for Township employment positions and programs. Members suggested:
 - 1. Lauren stated that transportation must improve for residents with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) in order to get to appointments. Lauren reported that the Township will purchase four additional buses.
 - 2. Quinette suggested that Kenneth Young Center (KYC) provide some services, such as counseling, prescribing, medical vs. the Township hiring additional employees.
 - 3. Kathy said it would be helpful to have KYC at MHB meetings. Quinette will inform KYC if an agenda item pertains to them so KYC can attend,
 - 4. Bob said it is unacceptable for KYC to have a waitlist since the Township provides space for them.
 - 5. Quinette recommended that more drivers be hired. A screening process to ensure that only residents who need subsidized transportation receive it should be put in place. Quinette offered to perform the screenings.
 - 6. The Village of Schaumburg will host a meeting regarding transportation on Sept. 29, 2024. Bob and MaryAnn plan on attending.
 - 7. Lauren emphasized that the Township must begin improving transportation in the near future. There has been a lot of discussion, but nothing has been implemented. It is time for action. Lauren wants to make a program suggestion to the Trustees at the next Trustee meeting. A voucher program for residents with I/DD was strongly suggested, perhaps using a ride share company or taxi company. Uber Health has a program. Rides would be provided for shopping, medical appointments and school. A small pilot program should be implemented to determine how to be successful. A small test of change is best to start any new program to iron out glitches, identify gaps, etc.
 - 8. Bob asked each member to talk to someone who wants to share a transportation story in person, on Zoom or in writing at an upcoming Township Committee of the Whole meeting.
- E. The November 5, 2024, meeting will be rescheduled due to that date being Election Day. October 30 was proposed and will be decided at the September meeting.
- F. Beginning with grant applications for FY26, new (not yet funded by the Township) agencies will present in person. Quinette will do initial scoring of applications. Quinette distributed the scoring tool. Each application will also be reviewed by at least 2 MHB members. Agency presentations will begin at the November (or rescheduled date) MHB meeting. Quinette will begin searching for other agencies who might want to apply for funding.

VIII. Finance

- A. Quinette shared the financial reports for March June, 2024.
- B. The warrant for 6/29/24 8/2/24. Lauren made a motion to approve payment which was seconded by Gina. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

IX. Board Member Comments

- A. Gina suggested welcoming members of the public by name at the start of the meeting. Bob agreed with this idea.
- X. Next Meeting Date September 3, 2024 at 7:00pm.
- **XI. Adjournment** Lauren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gina seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.