

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Community Mental Health Board Meeting of Wheeling Township, for October 9, 2024 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. President Susan Hayes called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Bill Dixon called the roll and the following members were present, Bill Dixon, Jeanne Hamilton, John Lubbe, Jim Ruffatto, JoAnne Schultz, Jack Vrett & Susan Hayes.

Absent: None

Also, in attendance: Wheeling Township Attorney Kenneth Florey, and Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration Regina Stapleton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Susan Hayes led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 2024.

Motion by Jack Vrett, seconded by JoAnne Schultz, to approve the October 2, 2024 Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board Meeting minutes.

VOICE CALL VOTE: ALL AYES...

NAYS: None....Motion #1 Carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Aaron Wagner a Wheeling Township resident stated that he volunteered with the Dorfman's to represent the National Alliance of Mental Illness at the International Festival in Heritage Park. He stated there were 200-300 people that took programs, tote bags, stress balls (etc). He said that was proof that Wheeling Township sees a need for Mental Health resources.

Lorri Grainawi commented about 2 items on the last minutes under New Business. She stated there was no mention of a Township case manager. She suggested having

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somebody at the Township to direct people. She also stated there was no mention of funding for more housing. She said people need housing for a safe place.

Amy Somary a 31 year resident of Arlington Heights shared a perspective view as a taxpayer. She went down the list of taxing bodies on her tax bill. She stated she supported most of the taxing bodies. She also stated to the Board to please try to fund Mental Health as high as you can.

BUSINESS

One Year and Three Year Plan Discussion- Here are some things discussed.

- Increase funding for IDD & Substance Usage
- Language accessibility issues & how to manage
- Tuition reimbursement
- Case Management
- Staffing-Hire 1 person to oversee day to day
- Budget issues for agencies
- Transportation Issues maybe expand
- Reports from Agencies
- Find a location for a Norcon dispenser
- Community Engagement-Mental Health Fair

BOARD COMMENTS

Jack Vrett stated he feels a lot of people are falling through the cracks. JoAnne Schultz stated she felt one thing was achieved at this meeting and that is the Board agrees some one needs to be hired to do the day to day collecting of information.

MOTION # 2 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jack Vrett, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...
NAYES: None...Motion #2 carried

The meeting for Wednesday, October 9, 2024, was declared adjourned at 9:17 pm. The next scheduled Community Mental Health Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

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