

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES OF
MAY 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Mental Health Board Meeting of Wheeling Township, for May 8, 2024 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. President Jack Vrett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jack Vrett led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 13, 2024.

Motion by Susan Hayes, seconded by JoAnne Schultz, to approve the amended minutes of March 13 , 2024 Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board Meeting.

VOICE CALL VOTE: ALL AYES...

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

Prior to Citizens To Be Heard President Jack Vrett advised the audience that Regina will explain the documents that have circulating around. He also stated that citizens can email questions to wt708mhb@wheelingtowship.com 10 days prior to the board meeting. This will allow the board to be more prepared to answer the questions. Wheeling Township Attorney Ken Florey stated that the allotted time will still be 20 minutes.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Fred Vogt a resident of Arlington Heights stated that he is confused by the 20 minutes allotted for Citizens To Be Heard. He said 20 minutes is not conducive for good public dialog. He stated that a Q & A session should be held for the citizens to get more information from the Board and for them to express their concern on what's going with the funding. He would like to see this Board to speak to the Wheeling Township Board

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to come up with a way to fill the needs and to improve Mental Health services that are desperately needed.

Lorri Grainawi a resident of Arlington Heights stated at the last Board Meeting JoAnne Schultz asked if the group that voted on the referendum had a plan on how to spend the money that was levied. Lorri said before advocating to form a Mental Health Board the group talked with Police & Fire Departments and other social service agencies to determine if there was more need in the community.

Tracy Shreva a resident of Arlington Heights stated she had questions for Dr. Bailey on the Needs Assessment. She will email her questions to Regina Stapleton before the next Board Meeting. She also stated she wants to make sure Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Disorder are all being addressed.

Denise Dirks a resident of Wheeling stated she has observed and is requesting that not only the agenda be posted but also the backup material should be posted so they can prepare for the Board Meetings. Her other request is that the agenda & back up material be translated into Spanish & Polish.

Kathy Motto a resident of Arlington Heights stated that she would like to know what the plans are to get started. She asked if there was going to be a new referendum and when money would be levied.

Prior to Business Wheeling Township Administrator Regina Stapleton explained the Community Survey results and the flyer for focus groups. She stated that Harper created the graphs from the survey results. She also stated she has sent out over 200 emails to Service Providers, School Districts, Municipalities, & Churches asking them to participate in a focus group.

BUSINESS

MOTION #2 APPROVAL OF THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD POLICIES

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by JoAnne Schultz to approve the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board Policies.

VOICE CALL VOTE: ALL AYES...

NAYS: None...Motion #2 Carried.

Update-Needs Assessment-Board member Susan Hayes gave an update on the Wheeling Township Mental Health Community Needs Assessment prepared by Dr. Sean Bailey. She stated the Community Needs Assessment is focused on services to mental

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health, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. Completion of the Needs Assessment should be the first week in September.

Review of the 2025-26 Funding Agency Application-Wheeling Township Administrator Regina Stapleton asked the Board to please review the application and to send revisions to her. She stated vote for approval will be at the June meeting as there is no July meeting and the application will be available on the website in August.

BOARD COMMENTS

Jack Vrett thanked everyone on the board for all their work. He stated the elections for officers of the Board will be at the June meeting.

Jeanne Hamilton thanked John Lubbe for attending other Townships Mental Health Board Meetings and for sharing how they run their meetings. She also stated that she is concerned about HB444 if passed would exempt 708 Boards from the Ptell Law.

John Lubbe stated he attended Schaumburg Township Mental Health Board Meeting and Vernon Township Mental Health Board Meeting. He shared some of the notes from both meetings.

Bill Dixon thanked John Lubbe for attending the 2 Township Mental Health Board Meetings. He stated for clarification the Policy Manuel says 30 minutes is allowed for public participation.

Jim Ruffatto asked if the final wording for the referendum had been finalized. Wheeling Township Attorney Ken Florey said the filing period has not opened yet. There was more discussion on the wording and the amount to be levied.

MOTION # 3 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeanne Hamilton, seconded by Bill Dixon

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...

NAYES: None...Motion #3 carried

The meeting for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, was declared adjourned at 7:53 pm. The next scheduled Community Mental Health Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7 pm.