

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Community Mental Health Board Meeting of Wheeling Township, for June 11, 2025 was held in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. President Sue Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Lorri Grainawi, Wheeling Township Board Liaison, was welcomed as a new member of the Community Mental Health Board.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Bill Dixon called the roll, and the following members were present: Bill Dixon, Lorri Grainawi, John Lubbe, Jim Ruffatto, Jack Vrett, and Sue Hayes.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance, Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration, Regina Stapleton, and Mental Health Board Manager, Karin Frisk.

Four participants were joined by Zoom, for testing purposes only.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sue 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 MAY 14, 2025

Motion by Jack Vrett, seconded by Jim Ruffatto. Bill Dixon noted that corrections were needed regarding members' attendance and meeting participation. Corrected minutes were given to the Board Members.

No vote was taken.

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**MOTION #2: APPROVAL OF THE REVISED MINUTES OF THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING ON MAY 14, 2025**

Motion by Jack Vrett, seconded by Lorri Grainawi to approve the revised minutes as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Bill Dixon, Lorri Grainawi, John Lubbe, Jack Vrett, and
Sue Hayes

ABSTAIN: Jim Ruffatto

NAYS: None... Motion #2 Carried.

PRESENTATION

Amit Thaker, with ReferralGPS, presented on the mental health care navigation services that his organization provides for contracted school districts and townships. For contracted townships, ReferralGPS creates an online landing page where residents seeking mental health care navigation services can enter their address to verify residency. Once verified, residents submit additional information about their needs and select a time to speak with a Care Navigator. A Care Navigator then contacts the resident to gather further details and makes calls on their behalf to connect them with an appropriate service provider. Care Navigators are multilingual and have access to translation services to ensure effective communication.

ReferralGPS can also be contracted to administer treatment fund services, which are designed to provide limited financial assistance to eligible residents for therapy and/or psychiatry treatment.

Members of the Board inquired about access to and marketing of the care navigation services, provider directory listings, provider vetting, data collection and details provided to the contracted township, measuring successful outcomes, and other potential municipal partners. Members of the Board also inquired about the costs associated with treatment fund services.

The presenter asked if anyone had a question, including turning to the public to invite questions. Unaware that public input was not authorized during this portion of the meeting, the presenter unintentionally prompted a member of the public to ask a question about the organization's services.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #3: RATIFY THE HIRING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MANAGER

Motion by Jack Vrett, seconded by Jim Ruffatto to ratify the hiring of Karin Frisk as the Mental Health Board Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Bill Dixon, Lorri Grainawi, John Lubbe, Jim Ruffatto, Jack Vrett, and Sue Hayes
NAYS: None... Motion #3 Carried.

Election of Officers

MOTION #4: ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Jack Vrett to elect Sue Hayes as President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Bill Dixon, Lorri Grainawi, John Lubbe, Jim Ruffatto, Jack Vrett, and Sue Hayes
NAYS: None... Motion #4 Carried.

MOTION #5: ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Jack Vrett to elect John Lubbe as Vice President.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Bill Dixon, Lorri Grainawi, John Lubbe, Jim Ruffatto, Jack Vrett, and Sue Hayes
NAYS: None... Motion #5 Carried.

MOTION #6: ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Jack Vrett to elect Bill Dixon as Secretary.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Bill Dixon, Lorri Grainawi, John Lubbe, Jim Ruffatto, Jack Vrett, and Sue Hayes
NAYS: None... Motion #6 Carried.

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Funding Application Updates

Mental Health Board Manager, Karin Frisk, discussed proposed changes to the 2026-27 Community Mental Health Board Funding Application. Members of the Board discussed the updates and requested an additional edit.

MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF THE 2026-27 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUNDING APPLICATION UPDATES AS DISCUSSED

Motion by Bill Dixon, seconded by Jim Ruffatto to approve the funding application with the updates as discussed.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes

NAYS: None...Motion #7 Carried.

Application Format for Vacant Community Mental Health Board Member Seat

Members of the Board discussed the appointment process and application format, concluding that the applicants will need to submit a resume and cover letter to the Mental Health Board Manager, Karin Frisk, by July 8, 2025.

Members of the Board also discussed the process for evaluating the candidates. President Sue Hayes will collaborate with Karin to develop a standardized set of pre-interview questions to ask each candidate. The Board agreed that Karin will conduct the initial interviews using these questions. President Sue Hayes will meet with Karin to review applicant documentation and determine the next steps in the selection process, in preparation for the July 16th Board Meeting.

Director of Finance and Administration, Regina Stapleton, advised that a notice about the vacancy and application instructions will be posted on the Wheeling Township's website banner and shared on social media platforms.

MOTION #8: APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FORMAT FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Jack Vrett, seconded by John Lubbe to approve the application format as discussed for the vacant Community Mental Health Board Member seat.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes

NAYS: None...Motion #8 Carried

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**MOTION #9: APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL WHEELING TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING ON JULY 16, 2025 AT 7PM**

Motion by Jack Vrett, seconded by Lorri Grainawi to have an additional Community Mental Health Board meeting on July 16, 2025 at 7PM.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes

NAYS: None...Motion #9 Carried

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bill Dixon inquired about how ReferralGPS came to be known by the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board and noted that the Board should be mindful of whether there are other organizations providing a similar service before taking next steps.

John Lubbe inquired about how the 2026-27 funding application is being promoted. Regina noted that the application will be posted on the website, social media postings, notifications sent to currently funded agencies, and that a press release could also be done this year.

Multiple Board Members discussed additional ways in which the 2026-27 funding application could be promoted.

Wheeling Township Board Liaison, Lorri Grainawi, shared her excitement about being on the Community Mental Health Board.

MOTION #10: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Jack Vrett

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes

NAYS: None...Motion #10 Carried.

The meeting for Wednesday, June 11, 2025 was declared adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next scheduled Community Mental Health Board meeting is set for Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM