

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Mental Health Board Meeting of Wheeling Township, for September 20, 2023 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: JoAnne Schultz, Jim Ruffatto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jack Vrett 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 AUGUST 9, 2023**

Motion by Susan Hayes, seconded by Jeanne Hamilton, to approve the minutes of August 9, 2023 Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board Meeting.

VOICE CALL VOTE: AYES: All Ayes
NAYS: None....Motion #1 Carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Arlen Gould thanked the board for all the work they are doing. His group has been working on a legislative fix for the apparent mis-used language in the referendum that was passed by the voters. He has been working with the General Assembly & leaders from both sides of the aisle. He is requesting that the Board not put the referendum on the spring ballot. He stated it would be confusing for the voters.

Lori Grainawi stated that 2 groups that she is on the Board voted to support the idea to let legislation work out the fix and not to put a referendum on the spring ballot. She said the Kane County issue was resolved legislatively. She feels the Board needs to focus on the work that needs to be done.

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Tracy Sherva stated she supports both Arlen Gould & Lori Grainawi on the idea for a legislative fix for the referendum. She shared that she participated in the Healthier Barrington Coalition meeting. The coalition provides services in the Barrington area. Some of the services provided are for mental health and substance abuse. She shared that NAMI has a couple of events coming up on mental health, a Family to Family Education Class and a Community Conversation event. Flyers were available.

BUSINESS:

Funding Agencies:

Township Administrator Regina Stapleton stated that the hearings for Youth Services will be presented on October 11th starting at 6PM. The agencies are given 10 minutes to speak. She will email the Board when they can pick up the packet. She explained how the funding process works.

Needs Assessment:

President Jack Vrett stated he drafted a proposal for Professional Services for a Needs Assessment. He would like proposals if possible by the October 11th meeting. He also wants the Board to think about having a special meeting to hear the proposals. John Lubbe will follow up for the proposals from Harper, UIC & NIU.

Wheeling Township Attorney Ken Florey stated that the Community Survey will be in the next Township Newsletter. Residents returning the survey to the Township will have to show an ID to prove they live in Wheeling Township.

Governing Documents:

Bill Dixon stated that he has eight or nine samples from different organizations. Both he and Jack Vrett have drafts that they will merge into one so there is something for the October meeting.

Referendum:

Wheeling Township Attorney Ken Florey stated the new referendum will be on the March 19, 2024 ballot. This will allow the Mental Health Board to levy in December of 2024. The previous referendum had a flaw in the language.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

President Jack Vrett talked about members of the community having access to Mental Health Board meetings. He said the Township is going to move forward with developing better access for the community.

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MOTION #2: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeanne Hamilton, seconded by Susan Hayes to adjourn

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...

NAYES: None...Motion 2 carried

The meeting for Wednesday, September 20, 2023, was declared adjourned at 7:39 pm.
The next scheduled Community Mental Health Board Meeting is set for Wednesday,
October 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.