



Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board: Update

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- The Illinois Community Mental Act creates a process after the creation of a Mental Health Board (MHB). Under Section 3e of the Act, the MHB's duties are:
 - Hold its first meeting to organize and elect officers
 - Make Rules for its operations.
 - Obtain a Needs Assessment.
 - Based on the Needs Assessment, the MHB should prepare and submit to the Township Board a proposed written Program to address mental health services and needs.
 - Then, the MHB proposes a Budget and proposed property tax levy to fund the Program.
 - The MHB also reviews and recommends grants to mental health services agencies. z

Citizens presented a Petition to place a referendum question on the November 8, 2022, ballot; requesting .15% or \$8 million in new property taxes. This did not include the PTELL (transparency) language.

Wheeling Township requested applicants for members of the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board.



Election: referendum was approved by the voters.

Wheeling Township
created the Wheeling
Township
Community Mental
Health Board.

Jan. 2023

Mar.
2023

Wheeling MHB held
its first meeting.

Wheeling MHB
reviewed existing
Wheeling Township
Agency Funding
Applications

Apr.
2023

Wheeling MHB
approved Community
Survey and discusses
Needs Assessment

May 2023



May 2023

NAMI requested a professional Needs Assessment



June 2023

Wheeling MHB discussed community survey and discussed Needs Assessment



July 2023

Wheeling MHB approved community survey and discussed Needs Assessment

July 2023, Public Act 103-0274 enacted:

- “Any referendum imposing an annual tax on or after January 1, 1994 and prior to May 13, 2022 (the effective date of Public Act 102-839) this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly that complies with subsection (a) is hereby validated.”
- **This did NOT include Wheeling Township’s MHB which was created after May 13, 2022.**



Wheeling Township met with Arlen Gould and Lori Grainawi to discuss missing PTELL (transparency) language in Referendum Question. Arlen Gould requested that the newly corrected Referendum Question PTELL (transparency) language be placed on the ballot by a vote of the Wheeling Township Board.

Wheeling Township MHB created Request for Proposals for professional Needs Assessment

Aug. 2023

Nov. 2023

Aug. 2023

Wheeling Township MHB discussed obtaining a professional Needs Assessment

Sep. 2023

Wheeling Township approved placing Referendum Question on March 2024 ballot to correct missing PTELL (transparency) language information. The General Assembly passed a law that Wheeling Township was not allowed to place the corrected Referendum Question on either March 2024 or November 2024 ballot.



Wheeling Township MHB approved interviewing companies for a professional Needs Assessment

Nov. 2023

Oct. 2023

Wheeling Township MHB interviewed Needs Assessment professional companies and selected Harper College Business Solutions to perform Professional Needs Assessment

November 2023, Illinois General Assembly approved legislation to expand the validation of Township Board initiated MHB referendum questions missing PTELL language but the law did not apply to Wheeling Township which had a citizens initiated MHB referendum



This legislation did not apply to Wheeling Township's Mental Health Board referendum.

Wheeling Township
increased property tax
levy to fund Professional
Needs Assessment

Dec. 2023

Feb. 2024

Needs Assessment underway
with interviews and analysis

March 2024 through
present

Wheeling Township and
Harper began Needs
Assessment process

June 2024, Public Act 103-0592 enacted to exempt property tax levies for Community Mental Health Act purposes from the Property Tax Caps (PTELL):

35 ILCS 200/18-185) Property Tax Code

"Aggregate extension" for the taxing districts to which this Law did not apply before the 1995 levy year (except taxing districts subject to this Law in accordance with Section 18-213) means the annual corporate extension for the taxing district and those special purpose extensions that are made annually for the taxing district, excluding special purpose extensions:

(q) made under Section 4 of the Community Mental Health Act to provide the necessary funds or to supplement existing funds for community mental health facilities and services, including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability or a substance use disorder

**June 2024, Public
Act 103-0592
enacted to exempt
property tax levies
for Community
Mental Health Act
purposes from the
Property Tax Caps
(PTELL):**

(405 ILCS 20/4) Community Mental Health Act

Sec. 4. In order to provide the necessary funds or to supplement existing funds for such community mental health facilities and services, including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability or a substance use disorder, the governing body of any governmental unit, subject to the provisions of Section 5, may levy an annual tax of not to exceed .15% upon all of the taxable property in such governmental unit at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. Such tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other governmental unit taxes, but shall not be included in any limitation otherwise prescribed as to the rate or amount of governmental unit taxes, but shall be in addition thereto and in excess thereof. An annual tax levied by any governmental unit under this Section is separate and distinct from all other property taxes levied by that governmental unit and (1) shall not be considered an increase for purposes of the application of the Truth in Taxation Law and its requirements and (2) shall not be subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.



Aug. 2024

Needs Assessment finalized and presented to MHB



Sep. 2024

MHB to review Needs Assessment to create a Budget for 2025 based on Needs Assessment



Oct. 2024

MHB to make a property tax levy recommendations for 2025 expenditures to Township Board



Nov. 2024

Township Board to approve 2024 tentative property tax levy for 2025 expenditures

Citizens to obtain amendment of law to validate citizens initiated MHB referendum questions

Nov. 2024

Dec. 2024

Township Board to approve final 2024 property tax levy for 2025 expenditures

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS