

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES OF
March 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Community Mental Health Board Meeting of Wheeling Township, for March 12, 2025 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Jack Vrett

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 JANUARY 8, 2025**

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Jeanne Hamilton to approve the January 8, 2025 Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board Meeting minutes.

VOICE CALL VOTE: ALL AYES...

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

NONE

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BUSINESS

Agency Site Visits Reports

Bill Dixon reported visiting Ascension Behavioral Health in Arlington Heights on February 13, 2025. He met with Executive Director Mari Brzostowski. He stated Wheeling Township currently funds \$115,000 for Mental Health and \$66,000 for the new Substance Abuse Program. They appreciate funding from Wheeling Township.

John Lubbe reported visiting Journeys the Road Home in Palatine on February 14, 2025. He met with Executive Director Beth Nabors. He stated they organize the Pads Program located in various churches. In their facility, there are rooms for men & women. They have 7 apartments. John also stated Journey's has a Hope Center in Palatine with a food pantry & laundry facilities. The top users are Wheeling & Palatine Townships. Most funding comes from Elk Grove Village Township.

Jeanne Hamilton reported visiting a Search Inc. supported home in Mt. Prospect on February 12, 2025. The Executive Director & the staff who manages the house gave a tour. She stated the house was immaculate. She was very impressed with the longevity of the staff. She also stated the residents are very proud of the house.

Jim Ruffatto & Regina Stapleton reported visiting the Kenneth Young Center in Elk Grove on February 14, 2025. They met with the temporary director. Jim stated that the Kenneth Young Center is concerned about the possible closing of the residential (beds) portion of Northwest Community Healthcare facility in Arlington Heights. Kenneth Young Center has a drop-in place in Mt. Prospect called the Living Room. Regina described it as one stop shopping. Some of the services provided are laundry facilities and a pharmacy.

Sue Hayes reported visiting Omni in Wheeling on February 19, 2025. She met with President Doryce McCarthy. She stated that the donated building was very nice, clean, and comfortable. Sue asked how many patients do video counseling. 35% are managed Medicaid patients, and 55% have private insurance. She also asked how many clients don't have insurance, and that is 40%. Omni has Adult and substance Abuse programs. They have prevention programs that are based in schools. Omni employs 280 people.

Approval -One & Three Year Plan

President Sue Hayes stated she wanted to add an amendment to the 3 year plan to re-evaluate the need for a Levy. Wheeling Township Attorney Ken Florey stated that Wheeling Township Mental Health Board will levy every year so the amendment is not needed.

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MOTION #2: APPROVAL OF THE ONE AND THREE YEAR PLAN

Motion by Bill Dixon, seconded by Jeanne Hamilton.

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

Annual Report

President Sue Hayes thanked Bill Dixon for drafting the Report. Jeanne Hamilton asked about 2 things that were not on the report. One was the language issue and the other was hiring a Manager. Regina Stapleton reported that she is still looking for a manager. The job description has been on our website and LinkedIn. She has not received any applicants. She also stated that the Township purchased 3 Translation Live tablets. She gave a short explanation of how it works. Bill Dixon stated these 2 items would be on next year's report as these 2 items were done after the fiscal year.

MOTION #3 APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Jeanne Hamilton.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...
NAYES: None...Motion #3 carried

BOARD COMMENTS

Jim Ruffatto thanked Regina Stapleton for organizing & scheduling the Agency site visits. John Lubbe asked if the budget was approved and Regina stated the final budget would be approved in April.

MOTION#4 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Jeanne Hamilton.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...
NAYES: None...Motion #4 carried.

The meeting for Wednesday, March 12, 2025 was declared adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next scheduled Community Mental Health Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm.