

**MINUTES OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD,  
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, HELD ON MAY 15, 2023, AT 7 PM, AT THE VERNON  
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 3050 N. MAIN STREET, BUFFALO  
GROVE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by committee chairman Al Dorfman.

Roll Call: Present: Dorfman, Lewis, Sebor, Rajesh (at 7:48pm)  
Absent: Thoren

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED.

Also in attendance were Vernon Township Director of Constituent Services Barrett Monie.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Dorfman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING

No comments.

Sebor moved to approve the minutes. Dorfman seconded that motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Lewis, Dorfman, Sebor

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Thoren

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

5. DISCUSSION ON MATERIALS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Chair Dorfman presented giveaway items used by the Schaumburg Mental Health Board. Barrett Monie suggested utilizing Township

resources for design, printing, etc. The Township office would take care of the design and printing of cards for the Buffalo Grove Pride Picnic.

6. REPORT ON RIVERWOODS COMMUNITY EVENT ATTENDED BY CHAIR DORFMAN

Chair Dorfman attended a wine tasting event sponsored by the Village of Riverwoods. He told residents about the Mental Health Board who were excited to hear what the Board will be doing and what the next steps are in the coming year.

7. DISCUSSION OF TEMPLATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

Member Sebor prepared a document on communications at community events. She suggested directing interested non-residents to the "Advocate for 708" website. Her document suggests explaining what the 708 Board does, where funding will go, what services it can provide, etc. The Board should also take volunteer signups. Member Lewis reported that former District 102 School Board President Ellyn Ross would like to volunteer for the board. Member Sebor also suggested having a signup form for volunteers on the website, have signup sheets at events/meetings, and also taking photos at events and parades.

8. DISCUSSION OF INVOLVEMENT IN BG PRIDE FAIR

The parade begins at 11am and the post parade fair runs from 11:30am-3:00pm. Member Sebor offered to forego marching in the parade to ensure the table is set up. Barrett Monie offered to make signup sheets in advance of the event.

9. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Member Thoren was looking into the Vernon Hills July event on the possibility of community organizations having tables. The Committee would like to see events held once per month. The 708 Board will also be sharing a resource table with Vernon Township at the annual Vernon Township Food Pantry Garage Sale on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

10. DISCUSSION ON MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING PRESENTATIONS FROM BLOOMINGDALE & MILTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

Chair Dorfman has offered to provide refreshments for the meeting. Member Sebor would like to see Doryce McCarthy from OMNI Youth Services as well as the Buffalo Grove Police Chief present at future meetings. Chair Dorfman will ask the board to contribute names of who they would like to have present.

11. DISCUSSION ON THE STATUS OF THE WHEELING & SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

Chair Dorfman reported that a contact with the Wheeling Township Mental Health Board told him they were working on their needs assessment now and will then work towards grant applications. Without a budget, they are working on this on their own. Schaumburg Township has been slower getting their Mental Health Board started. They are passing out QR codes with their needs assessment asking community members to take it and then hire an analytical firm to parse their data.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Member Sebor moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lewis. A voice vote was taken and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.