

MINUTES OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD SPECIAL MEETING, HELD ON May 18, 2023, AT 6:30 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 6:32 p.m. by Vice President Joanne Johnson who filled in for President Akrom Hossain until he arrived.

Roll Call:

Present: Sebor, Thoren, Lewis, Dorfman, Johnson

Absent: Hossain, Moore, Rajesh (youth member)

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED.

Also present Shannon Harnett (Milton Township), Mike Murray (Bloomingdale Township), Mike Garfield (public), and Barrett Monie (Vernon Township).

Moore arrived at 6:37pm

Hossain arrived at 6:54pm

Rajesh arrived at 7:00pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Johnson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Guest Speakers: Milton and Bloomingdale Townships

Shannon Hartnett from Milton Township and Mike Murray from Bloomingdale Township shared their experiences on their respective 708 boards.

Ms. Harnett shared that her board funded 14 agencies at the first year totaling about \$700,000. They established bylaws, a regular meeting schedule that is publicized, and made clear the administrative role of the township members They have a part time staff person-mental health manager (16-20 hours per week), managing all the grants and communications, publishing the budget and annual report in the newspaper, ensuring compliance with the act, and working on 1 year and 3 year plans with actionable steps. Milton Township uses grant management software (Foundant. About 93% of funding goes to grants and administrative funding is under 10%. Mr. Murry shared his experiences that led him to the 708 board as well as steps his board has taken. He highly recommended Dr. Brenda Huber as a consultant, a consultant who helps set up a system of care. The guests shared information about Impact DuPage, a data dashboard full of information about health, SES indicators, local/federal/state data sources, including a mental

health index has a map showing where highest need locations are in the county.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 20th MEETING

No comments.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes. Thoren seconded that motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Hossain, Lewis, Sebor, Thoren, Moore, Johnson, Dorfman

Nayes: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

The minutes were approved as they were submitted by roll call vote.

6. REPORTS

a. President's Report

No President report.

b. Vice President's Report

No Vice President report.

c. Secretary's Report

Secretary Lewis requested that board members double check to ensure they are sending emails to all members of the board using their newest township email addresses. Youth representative Rajesh will continue to use a personal gmail. Lewis will miss the next meeting and township representative, Monie, agreed to take minutes.

d. Finance and Operations Committee Report

The committee met on Tuesday and has nothing to bring before the board. Items of note include that the committee will be canceling their regular meeting schedule and holding special meetings on the first Thursday of the month to be better in line with bill paying and processing to pay bills through the township. They reviewed bylaws/suggested bylaws under review and committee chair Moore will work with Gedville from the township to make some additional changes. They are holding for final draft until the legislative session ends. The committee agreed to work to minimize the attorney costs, noting that the attorney will not invited to meetings unless we anticipate legal questions to discuss, will no longer receive minutes for

early review, and will still receive information from her about 708 changes.

e. Programs Committee Report

The committee met on Monday. We had our first community outreach as committee chair Dorfman attended a wine and cheese party at the Riverwoods police department with a very positive reception. The committee will be researching promotional materials. Future outreaches may include VH days, BG Days, farmer's market, the Vernon Township, and Lincolnshire art fair. We will be present at the Vernon Township garage sale on June 24th sharing a table with the township. NIU is working on a timeline for our needs assessment but we expect the process to be fully completed by the end of October.

f. Member Reports

- i. Rajesh was on WBEZ news in a conversation about stopping Asian hate.
- ii. Sebor shared expected updates to the 708 legislation.
- iii. Rajesh is creating a list of local schools' events that are relevant to us and created a linktree for the 708 board with community resources.
- iv. Rajesh is going to Washington, DC to advocate for mental health needs.

g. Attorney Report

Attorney not present.

h. Staff Reports

Barrett Monie shared that Secretary Lewis will be doing some training around mental health for the Vernon Township Summer Camp staff.

7. PRIOR BUSINESS

No prior business was addressed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Community Outreach Template
Dorfman offered a template for what we can say when we communicate with people in the community
- b. Discussion of materials for BG Pride Parade
Buffalo Grove Pride Picnic giveaways will be postcard size info sheets with a VTCMHB logo and QR code that links to the website. We will set out a sign-up sheet to get contact information for interested Vernon Township residents.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Sebor moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Moore. A voice vote was taken and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.