

**MINUTES OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD,
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, HELD ON June 22nd, 2023, AT 6:00 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 6:04 p.m. by committee chairman Al Dorfman.

Roll Call: Present: Dorfman, Sebor, Thoren, Rajesh (at 6:06pm)
Absent: Lewis

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED.

Also in attendance was Mental Health Board Committee President Hossain, Vernon Township Manager Todd Gedville and Vernon Township Director of Constituent Services Barrett Monie.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Dorfman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hossain congratulated their members on their hard work and is just here to observe.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 15th MEETING

No discussion.

Member Sebor moved to approve the minutes. Thoren seconded that motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Dorfman, Sebor, Thoren

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Lewis

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

5. REPORT ON NIU NEEDS ASSESSMENT KICKOFF MEETING

Chair Dorfman and Member Thoren attended the kickoff meeting. Member Thoren reported that step one has begun, which is the inventory of services that are either in the Township or provide to Township residents. Focus groups and the community service questionnaire will come next. The survey would start in mid-July and ready to be presented to the Board by the December meeting. NIU will give periodic updates on how each step is going and gather feedback on items like focus groups and questionnaire questions. Member Sebor has already been talking to community members about joining focus groups.

6. REVIEW OF SAMPLE NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS FROM NIU

Member Thoren presented the sample questions sent from NIU for review. She saw redundancy in several questions that seemed to repeat the questions. She also found it overwhelming at the length and use of terms that someone not in treatment may not know. Member Sebor felt the survey is missing questions regarding perception of care provided, specifically she would like it to ask what services are not being provided. Member Sebor would like to see the survey workshopped by the focus group members as well. Member Thoren guided the members on their suggested changes that she can bring back to NIU. She received feedback at the Pride Picnic that the biggest gaps in service are for family members, and those discharged from acute care/ER visits and would like to see that included. The questionnaire would have 6 questions per area. The goal going forward will be for NIU to consolidate the questions, use more common language, and include some short narrative questions.

7. DISCUSSION OF NEEDS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Member Sebor sent a feedback list from the Pride Picnic and would like to see a budget and a cost list of items for events. The Board will be at the Buffalo Grove Farmers Market July 23rd. Carolyn Pinta has expressed interest in having the Mental Health Board represented in next year's Pride Parade.

8. DISCUSSION OF CREATING AN ADVISORY BOARD BASED ON VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS FROM EVENTS

Member Dorfman would like to see something done with the list of interested parties collected at events, and what they will do. Member Sebor has also been collecting names of interested parties. Member Sebor would like to see volunteers

participating on committees, including a Resident Advisory Board, however the conversation is premature. Member Sebor would like to see an email go out to those that signed up thanking them for their interest and letting them know the Board will be reaching out soon.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Thoren moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sebor. A voice vote was taken and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.