

MINUTES OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, HELD ON AUGUST 14TH, 2023 AT 7:00PM 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 7:04 pm by committee chairman Al Dorfman.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Al Dorfman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: Dorman, Lewis, Thoren, Rajesh

Absent: Hossain

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED.

Also in attendance was community member, Mike Garfield.

4. Public Comment

Mike Garfield volunteered at the recent Lincolnshire Art Fest with member Al Dorfman. He recalled his positive experience and interactions with community members. Mr. Garfield found the experience to be enjoyable.

5. Approval of Minutes from the July 17th Meeting

An error was noted in the minutes. Member Dorfman pointed out that the minutes state the member Lewis was absent however, it was member Sebor who was absent.

Member Dorfman made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections striking Lewis from being absent and replacing it with Sebor. Member Thoren seconded that motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Dorfman, Lewis, Thoren

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Hossain

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

6. Election of Programs Committee Chairperson

No discussion.

Member Lewis moved to elect Member Dorfman as the Programs Committee Chairperson through June 30, 2024. Member Thoren seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Member Hossain was absent.

7. Status Report on Needs Assessment

Member Thoren provided copies of the service provider list created by NIU as part of our needs assessment. It identified 21 providers within the confines of the township but appears to have a limited scope because it was based on a web search. Member Thoren is going to follow up with NIU to find out what parameters they used as most committee members are able to identify multiple providers for the township residents that are not listed on the service provider list and to determine if they can do a more thorough listing. Member Thoren noted that the needs assessment questionnaire was scheduled to be mailed today, August 14th, to selected residents.

8. Recap on Community Outreach Events

Members Dorfman, Lewis, and Rajesh volunteered at the Buffalo Grove Farmer's Market in July. Member Dorfman and community member Garfield volunteered at the Lincolnshire Art Fest in August. Youth member Rajesh indicated that he will arrange for the Vernon Township Community Mental Health Board to have a table at the Stevenson High School Street Fest on September 9th.

9. Discussion on take Aways from Police Department Guests at 7/17 Meeting

The main takeaways were that there are similarities across departments including that about half of all calls received are mental health related. Police officers are community policing, working as mental health providers in some capacity. The

representatives began networking with each other. This committee may consider sponsoring a networking event in the future.

10. Discussion on Potential Speakers for September Meeting

Youth Member Rajesh requested a consideration of changing the start time for future Program Committee meetings. The committee will discuss this at the upcoming full board meeting and will request changing the meetings to a start time of 7:30pm.

Future meetings may include inviting the Lake County Health Department Mobile Crisis Unit and school social workers/counselors.

11. Adjournment

Member Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by member Thoren. A voice vote was taken and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.