

**MINUTES OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING,
HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2023, AT 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. by President Noelle Moore.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Noelle Moore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Sebor, Thoren, Lewis, Dorfman, Johnson, Hossain, Moore, Rajesh (student representative)

Absent: None

Also present were Barret Monie and Todd Gedville, Vernon Township staff.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Len Levine from Riverwoods. He read about the mental health board and is interested in getting involved. Mr. Levine has been involved in business and has served on charitable boards; he is a financial executive.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 20th MEETING

No comments.

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

The minutes were approved as they were submitted by voice vote.

6. REPORTS

a. President's Report

- i. Update on legal advice regarding remote meetings and the Open Meetings Act: Within the Open Meetings Act there is a provision which allows for remote participation for a member due to work related travel, illness, or family emergency. The Secretary must be notified in advance.

- ii. The Board has been contacted through the township office from some news reporters. Journal and Topics and Chicago Tribune have interviewed Member Moore. Moore had the opportunity to share the work that we have been doing thus far. If contacted by the media, members should run everything through the township prior to responding.
- b. Vice President's Report: Member Johnson had the opportunity to meet with the Buffalo Grove Police Department social worker and three officers, as they were unable to attend our prior meeting. Social worker Wilson identified the number one need is to eliminate wait lists for medication and counseling appointments, in particular for people who are discharged from treatment programs. They identified Pacific Garden Mission to local homeless community members and shared that PADS has long waiting lists. Buffalo Grove is one of the only police departments in the area who has a social worker on staff.
- c. Secretary's Report: No report
- d. Finance and Operations Committee Report:
 - i. Tabled the election of a committee chairperson who would also serve as the Mental Health Board Treasurer in order to get clarification from our attorney. This will be discussed at the September meeting.
 - ii. Had discussion about the IGA between the VTCMHB and Vernon Township
 - iii. Committee discussed a shared employee position between the VTCMHB and the township and Member Johnson is working with the township on a job description
 - iv. VTCMHB is considering purchasing a laptop
- e. Programs Committee Report:
 - i. Member Dorfman will continue to be the Programs Committee Chairperson through June 2024
 - ii. Moving forward, committee meetings will begin at 7:30pm
 - iii. Programs committee attended the Lincolnshire Art Fair and the Buffalo Grove Farmers Market
 - iv. Discussed our meeting with the police department representatives and their interest in collaborating with each other. In the future, we will look to coordinate a networking event for community professionals.
 - v. Will be inviting a representative from the Lake County Mobile Response Unit (responding to 988 calls)
- f. Member Reports:
 - i. Needs Assessment Inventory: 21 providers within the township but limited identification of nonprofit

organizations were on the list. Member Thoren brought this to the NIU team and they will be looking further into it to do an additional search and will be adding the agencies funded by the township. The Needs Assessment was held from mailing until the inventory research was completed and is possibly being mailed today. When doing an online search, we are likely to find private providers who have advertised. A final inventory may be useful to residents and could be posted on our website.

- ii. We need to select a date for Focus Groups during the last week of September or first week of October. Considering October 4th and 5th.
- iii. Street Fest: Stevenson High School is hosting this event on September 9 from 4-7pm. Youth Member Rajesh registered our group to have a table at this event.
- iv. Youth Member Rajesh is updating a document with events going on at township high schools.
- v. Member Sebor shared that Representative Didech has shared updates to the 708 board statute. If we have any questions, clarifications, or needs, she can let him know.

g. Attorney Report
Attorney not present.

h. Staff Reports

- i. Gedville noted that the IT staff is looking into 365 licenses which would allow us access to Microsoft programs. Also looking into One Drive.
- ii. Looking into getting a laptop for use for the Board.
- iii. Monie will update the website with Board member bios.
- iv. Faith in Action, an organization granted by the township, will be at the next township meeting on September 14th at 7:00pm. In addition to giving rides to elderly residents, they do elderly depression screeners.

7. PRIOR BUSINESS

No prior business was addressed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Election of Vice President
 - i. This discussion was tabled.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Thoren moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Johnson. A voice vote was taken and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.