

**708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

January 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M.  
109 James Street  
Geneva, Illinois

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Chair Shogren called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Members Present: Fintzen, Gabriel, Gaines, Hamilton, Kautz, Shogren, Wagner

**2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**3. OMNIBUS AGENDA ( OMNIBUS VOTE )**

All items listed with an asterisk ( \* ) are considered to be routine by the Mental Health Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a board member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus ( Consent ) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Regular Agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PAYMENTS**

\*A. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2022

\*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion to approve by Wagner second by Kautz

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Chair Shogren mentioned a thank you to board member Kautz's daughter for assisting with recording of funding information during the November 2022 meeting. Vice Chair Hamilton mentioned that signs at the Geneva Train Station contain older information for suicide prevention lines and recommended a discussion for seeking to have them updated to the new 988 crisis line. These original signs are displayed courtesy of the, now defunct, Rotary. Chair Shogren will reach out to the city to open dialogue.

Chair Shogren discussed two new laws related to mental health access that are effective as of January 1, 2023; one creating a mental health council that helps students seek access to mental health in school. A second council will provide recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor with regard to children and mental health. Chair Shogren received correspondence from an organization in St. Charles called Life Stance Health and shared a pamphlet of their information. A copy of the Johnson & Johnson Opioid settlement was circulated. A report discussing the youth suicide rate, citing a shortage of mental health workers, was circulated. An article discussing recent government funding for youth mental health services was circulated.

**6. ACMHAI Report:**

A. Summary of the December ACMHAI Meeting

Vice Chair Hamilton discussed a summary regarding the 988 crisis line roll out. The ACMHAI annual meeting was attended by Vice Chair Hamilton in December. A summary of a National Component organization, which is comprised of all county and local mental health boards was shared from this meeting.

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7. **New Business:**

A. Review Mission Statement and strategic Plan and revise if needed

Chair Shogren offered for discussion, that the 708 Board does have the option to create a scholarship fund from 708 Board funds. Chair Shogren shared mission statements and other resource pages identified from other local city and county mental health board websites, as a reference for the discussion. Chair Shogren asked if anyone had any recommended changes or a motion to approve the Mission Statement with an updated year of review.

Motion to approve the mission statement with updated year by Gaines second by Gabriel.

Voice vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

B. Review Arc of the Year and revise if needed

Chair Shogren recommended a change to the discussion time frame about May Mental Health Month to a January discussion annually. Chair Shogren asked if there any other recommended changes or a motion to approve.

Motion to approve the change by Hamilton second by Fintzen

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion Carries

C. Review/Discuss Community Mental Health Act

A copy of the Mental Health Act was emailed to the board for reference for this section. Chair Shogren discussed the City's ordinance that covers the Community Mental Health Act.

D. Discuss May Mental Health Month

Chair Shogren asked if anyone had any thoughts on community involvement for future planning. Board member Gaines discussed the board's focus on education and awareness over fund raising. Board member Gaines also offered other ideas to include student involvement from Geneva High School or perhaps inviting the press to write about the activities in May. Board member Wagner discussed efforts in raising awareness of members of the community. Board member Kautz discussed ideas for including local businesses in raising awareness of the 988 crisis line. Board Member Fintzen discussed potential for social media use. Board member Gaines discussed lime green pencils with 988 information. Board member Gabriel discussed a combination of flyers for adults and pencils to reach younger members of the community. Chair Shogren summarized takeaways from the discussion. Chair Shogren will contact the city to ask about adding the resource links to the website. Board Member Kautz said it seemed the kids enjoyed putting up the green ribbons and recommends the board engage them again this year.

E. Discuss/Consider February Guest Speaker

Chair Shogren discussed the next meeting will fall on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Board member Gaines and Kautz suggested a February meeting may not be necessary. Dues for ACMHAI arrive in March and will be voted at that time. Round table discussion about discussing work on the list of tasks for May mental health month activities during the February meeting. The meeting in February will be cancelled.

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8. **Old Business**

A. Discuss Revised Grant Application

Chair Shogren referenced work on a revised checklist of items needed to be included with the grant funding application. Board member Kautz discussed and recommended a courtesy email listing the required items to accompany the grant funding application. Chair Shogren called attention to the section on the application that requests the information organizations should provide with their application. Vice Chair Hamilton recommended a reinforcement message be sent soon noting the upcoming tax season, so the agencies could be prepared. Chair Shogren will write a proposed statement email for agency applicants to serve as a reminder and call to attention to the application requirements and bring it to the board for review.

9. **Public Comments, Mail**

Mail was received from nearly every organization, most electronically, thanking the board for funding.

Chair Shogren received Dec & Jan newsletters information from:

NAMI

Eckert Center

ACHMAI

Suicide Prevention Services

10. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Kautz second by Wagner

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:42PM

**All Scheduled Meetings for the 708 Geneva Community Mental Health Board to begin at 7:00 PM unless specifically noted**