

708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2021 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 P.M.

Present: Gaines, Hamilton, Hollman, Kautz, Shogren, Wagner

Absent: Gabriel

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 10, 2020

*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion by Wagner second by Kautz

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

5. **Chairperson's Report:**

Chair Shogren thanked the group that presented at the December City Council Meeting. Chair Shogren reached out to City Manager Stephanie Dawkins and offered an informal opportunity to offer information to City Council to discuss history and how the 708 Mental Health Board works; including the application process. That was well received, and May of 2021 was discussed as a tentative month. Chair Shogren will keep in touch with City Manager Dawkins.

6. **Review/Discussion:**

Illinois Mental Health Act, Geneva Municipal Code/Ordinance 89-30

Chair Shogren discussed the City's ordinance municipal code was taken verbatim from the Community Health Act.

Round table discussion about this Code/Ordinance suggested that some of the information in the code may be better suited for much larger Mental Health Boards who may have significantly greater expenditures and even provide direct services. A board member asked about: section 3-6-5 Powers and Duties A and number 4, and clarification as it pertains and relates to the Geneva 708 Mental Health Board. Chair Shogren recounted some history of a time when the Geneva 708 Mental Health Board would go to agencies to visit and ask questions about the services provided and compared it to the more recent visit to the Kane County Jail and their observation of Lighthouse Recovery's work. It was discussed that the opportunity is still there to consider doing visits to facilities again in the future.

Vice Chair Hamilton shared information about how this code has evolved over the last 50-100 years and what it has done to change mental health including many positive outcomes and some not as positive for the patient populations. It was noted that the function of this 708 Board is from the (~25 mark) Act of 1963 and then the Olmstead Act of 1989. Chair Shogren also mentioned that the 708 Mental Health Board acts as an extension of the City Council.

Chair Shogren discussed Board Members are on two-year, three-, or four-year terms in a staggered format and that Jean Fornari with the City of Geneva keeps record of board member terms.

Chair Shogren discussed Powers and Duties of the Board language and identified it as the opportunity for this Board to have latitude in how they work with funded agencies.

Chair Shogren discussed item C of the code language and potential future opportunities in that language, referencing things the board has done in the past such as the purchase of the building that was ultimately sold to AID.

Chair Shogren shared a document on the origin of ACMHAI recounting much of the information shared by Vice Chair Hamilton earlier discussing the progression of mental health as it changed through laws and funding over approximately, the last fifty years, including the legalization of local Mental Health Board Authorities to organize and act on behalf of their communities.

A board member brought attention to whether the board might consider being discerning of information they review in terms of whether they are listening to information provided by the agency or are they considering opportunities to listen to the clients that are served? Would this information be obtained by asking an additional question on the application perhaps? Round table discussion on the board's position on asking for information beyond the established relationship with the agency and if so, to what extent the question may be asked.

Chair Shogren asked the board if anyone had any questions with regard to November's funding process or any suggestions.

7. **ACMHAI Report:**

A. Summary of the December ACMHAI Meeting

Vice Chair Hamilton shared that Eileen Durkin retired at the end of 2020. Jody Dart is the new Executive Director and operates in similar way as Eileen Durkin in terms of encouraging connectivity.

Vice Chair Hamilton attended the quarterly meeting which included several speakers from around the State. Many mental health funds are being recognized from the cannabis tax in Illinois. Vice Chair Hamilton discussed the benefits of this past year that have allowed tele-health to be reimbursed the same as regular visits seem to be moving toward a permanent solution. Areas of the State that do not have good access to broadband connection are being discussed.

The Medicaid Administrator from the State of Illinois also spoke including a little bit on accessing funds from the CARES Act.

8. **New Business:**

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

Chair Shogren asked if anyone had any recommendation to change anything other than the date on the document. No changes recommended other than the date.

Motion by Gaines second by Wagner

Voice Vote: Aye: 6 No: 0

Motion Carries

B. Review Arc of the Year and revise if needed

Chair Shogren asked if any changes should be made to this document.

Motion by Kautz second by Hollman

Voice Vote Aye: 6 No: 0

Motion Carries

C. Confirm February Guest Speaker

Chair Shogren believes the meeting is likely to still be virtual although more members may be allowed to gather in City Hall by that time. The conversation in November discussed potentially someone from the school or from one of the service providers who generally receives greater amounts in funding. AID or Eckert were discussed as possibilities. Lazarus House is another possible recommendation. One board member discussed considering the school because of the current climate for depression and suicide. Many board members agreed. Suzy will reach out to the school to see who is available, perhaps the school nurse or counselor.

9. **Old Business:**

Discuss Student Liaison

This discussion will be revisited next month.

10. **Public Comments, Mail**

Chair Shogren has received a fair amount of mail, including outreach from Jehovah's Witness to board members.

Eckert Center sent a letter discussing a wall being built in their main lobby which will include a tile recognizing the City of Geneva Mental Health Board and asking what the Board would like represented on the tile such as a City Logo. Chair Shogren will reach out to City Manager for permission to use the logo.

Fox Valley Hands of Hope sent a thank you letter for funding.

Joshua Tree sent a thank you letter for funding.

AID sent a thank you for funding.

Lazarus House sent a thank you for funding via email.

CASA Kane County sent a Happy Holidays card and a thank you for support and recommendation.

ARC sent a letter discussing strategic plans and Covid plans.

11. **Adjournment**

Chair Shogren requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Hamilton second by Kautz

Voice Vote Aye:6 No: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 P.M.