

708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2020 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.

Present: Hamilton, Gaines (at 7:10PM), Hollman, Kautz, Shogren, Wagner

Absent: Fintzen, Gabriel

Others Present: Mr. Michael Cobb and Mr. Bill Germanetti with Elderday Center

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 February 11, 2020

*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion to approve Wagner by second by Hollman

Motion carries

5. **Guest Speaker**

Michael Cobb, Executive Director, Elderday Center and Bill Germanetti, Treasurer Elderday Center.

Mr. Cobb thanked this Board for asking him to come tonight and for remaining a supporter of Elderday despite their brief closing for restructure. It was explained they are beginning by opening two days a week with a goal of having 27 Members by June of 2020. Funds will support programs and the providers that are able to best serve members in those programs. Mr.

Germanetti discussed some additional, expanded services they are exploring potential to offer guests. Other new initiatives include an Advisory Council and a Community Advisory to gain greater perspective and community feedback for programs at Elderday Center. Mr. Cobb shared his background in working with at-risk youth, and a homeless population before working for Elderday Center. Elderday Center has been in the Batavia location for approximately nine years with no plans to change in the near future. They do also have a vision to grow Elderday with the needs of the community and their members, whether that perhaps looks like multiple locations in the future remains to be determined. A variety of activities take place each day including art or music therapy, chair yoga for example. Lunch is served as well as two snacks. They have a staff nurse that can handle medications as well as dietary concerns. Mr. Cobb shared some of Elderday Center's new marketing materials as well as invitations for their Gala.

6. **Chairperson's Report:**

Chair Shogren shared receipt of email from Renz who sent their monthly newsletter; information was passed roundtable. An email came from Changing Children's World Foundation asking that events they are hosting be shared; two events are noted a Military / First Responder Best Start for Families: Parenting Discussion & Support Group with a registration deadline of March 16, 2020. The second event, called The Best Start for Families: Exceptional Kids, Exceptional Families Parenting Program with a registration deadline of March 10.

An announcement was sent from the Community and Residential Services Authority; they will host a symposium highlighting a lack of psychiatric and residential treatment for youth in Illinois. The symposium will be held on May 4, 2020 at Howlett Auditorium in Springfield, IL. A quarterly newsletter was sent from IL Medicaid Health plans highlighting technology and its effect on the medical community. Suicide Prevention Services sent their newsletter they are having a 5K run on May 9th, 2020. An email was received from Claire Culton with Fox Valley Hands of Hope looking for information about applying for funding.

7. **ACMHAI Report:**

Vice Chair Hamilton shared information from the Kennedy Forum discussing a letter written about COVID-19 pandemic in the country; asking that the mental health and developmentally disabled population and associated healthcare systems that support be considered by the United States Government and its decision making. The letter further discussed harm to this already stigmatized group who may not seek the help they need.

ACMHAI has their Spring Fling in Springfield in May. Chair Shogren will write a community report to send to them as requested.

8. **New Business:**

A. May mental health month update

Chair Shogren received a response from Sheriff Ron Hain that he would like to speak. He is interested in speaking about Mental Recidivism in the Jail and New Approaches with Community Police. Board member has inquired; and the library would be able to host this public speaking event. Roundtable discussion about the scope and structure of this event. Further discussion planned for the April 708 Mental Health Board Meeting Agenda.

B. April Speaker

Chair Shogren asked if they should have a speaker for the April meeting or use the time to further plan for May Mental Health Month and discuss the application for next year. Round table consensus to focus on the May speaker.

Board Member Kautz shared information; Fox River Valley Initiative is hosting a listening tour on March 15, 2020 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall discussing reducing gun violence. Speakers will include; Sheriff Ron Hain, Judge Clint Hull, State Rep. Anna Moeller and Mercy Aurora CEO Richard Roehr.

9. **Old Business:**

Chair Shogren sent an email to City Personnel to have ACMHAI dues paid.

10. **Public Comments, Mail**

None

11. **Adjournment**

Chair Shogren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Kautz second by Hollman

Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM

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