

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

May 11, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
109 James Street  
Geneva, Illinois

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

Chair Shogren called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Present: Gabriel, Gaines, Hamilton, Shogren

Absent: Kautz, 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 April 13, 2021

\*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion to approve by Gaines second by Hamilton

Voice Vote Aye: 4 No:0

Motion Carries

5. **Chairperson's Report:**

Chair Shogren shared the Kane County Drug Treatment Program has shown success in their numbers. The Sheriff has dedicated a pod to those who participate in the program where they both reside and attend therapy. The information can be found in a Tribune article that has been shared with the Board.

6. **ACMHAI Report:**

A. Update regarding Elgin Mental Health Board/County Action

Vice-Chair Hamilton shared that a volunteer mental health board has been created in Elgin Township. This newly formed board seems to be facing some challenges in getting up and running. The City of Geneva responded to a request from ACMHAI via the City Manager, asking for language that was used when the referendum was passed in Geneva.

B. Witness Slips

Chair Shogren shared that ACMHAI does share witness slips, which sometimes come as late as the day of due to be signed; and will share them with the Board as much as possible.

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7. **New Business:**

A. June elect officers/review grant

Chair Shogren shared that officer positions will be elected next month and that she would be happy to support someone who may want to serve as chairperson. Chair Shogren received a memo suggesting a question to be added to the grant application, asking if providers have a system of feedback from clients. Chair Shogren will bring the question up again in June for discussion to determine if it is something that would be a good question to add but wanted to offer the information today as something to think about adding.

B. Organizations and Service Provider's Newsletters

Chair Shogren received a newsletter from Suicide Prevention Services. They will have a fun run on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Batavia Riverwalk lodge. Support groups for SPS are now meeting in person. NAMI sent a newsletter highlighting May Mental Health Month and support groups. ARC sent an email seeking support for two Senate Bills; SB1977 and SB100. The bills are being heard on May 12, 2021. The bill will require the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to apply for all available federal funding to promote community inclusion and integrations for people with disabilities; giving these individuals the option to transition out of institutions and into the community.

Mental Health America is offering a free virtual conference. The theme is From Resiliency to Recovery. Registration is available online. Space is limited.

8. **Old Business:**

A. May Mental Health Month

Chair Shogren discussed the Patch article on the GHS students' efforts for May Mental Health Month. Lisa Meister shared photos of the students' work. The students continue daily messages of support and affirmations throughout the month. The students are encouraged to wear lime green on Fridays in school. Also, in Geneva 304 Connects, were two opportunities shared for parents to participate.

Chair Shogren sent the Mayor and City leadership information on May Mental Health Month, the involvement with the high school as well as information to review. Three council members responded with positive support.

9. **Public Comments, Mail**

None

10. **Adjournment**

Chair Shogren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Gabriel second by Hamilton

Voice Vote Aye: 4 No: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

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