

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

June 8, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
109 James Street  
Geneva, Illinois

Visitors are welcome to all City meetings; however, pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-43 limiting gatherings of no more than 50 people (or 50% of room occupancy) and a requirement to wear a face covering in public places, physical attendance at public meetings may be limited or restricted. For more information please see the "[Notice Regarding Meeting and Public Comment Rule Modification Due to COVID-19](#)".

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

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

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

Absent: Gaines

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 May 11, 2021

\*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion to approve Wagner by second by Hamilton

Voice Vote Aye: 5 No: 0

Motion carries

5. **Chairperson's Report:**

Chair Shogren mentioned loss of a GHS Senior this week. The young man was due to begin college in the fall. Chair Shogren had opportunity to tour the Joshua Tree facility at the Cougar's Stadium recently stating what a nice facility they had set up in this space. Chair Shogren shared the Kane County System of Care held a one-hour virtual presentation of a summary of their work with Kane County area high school students, and the impact Covid has had on their mental health. Details can be found on Kane County Health Department website under the system of care tab. The meeting also served to amplify the voice of the organization. Twenty-five people participated including some GHS students. Students reported feelings of loss of connection, deterioration of friendships, limited participation on Zoom classes, peers stopped posting and responding to friends on social media which translated into relationships even once they returned to school. Students remarked that what helped them the most during this time, was when teachers reached out.

6. **ACMHAI Report:**

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A. Meeting with Inc. Board Executive Director

Vice-Chair Hamilton discussed executive director of the Inc Board has set up a meeting with the chair of the Kane County board to discuss the topic of a county wide 708 Mental Health Board. At this time there are different individuals involved than what had been in the past with this same discussion about two years ago. The meeting will be Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Chair and Vice-Chair have let the City Administrator for Geneva know to ask if there was anything she would like the 708 Board to consider when attending this meeting.

B. Legislative Updates

Vice-Chair Hamilton states that legislative actions have been very active lately, both in mental health and otherwise. Vice-Chair Hamilton discussed a few of them including tele-health, insurance providers in Illinois and what's been required of them to be able to operate in Illinois and a recently passed budget for next fiscal year which included monies passed at the federal level. This has resulted in funding of several programs.

7. **New Business:**

A. Elect officers

Chair Shogren asked the board for any desired discussion on electing board leadership.

Chair Shogren called for motions to elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

Motion to have Chair Shogren as chairperson and a vice-chairperson by Gaines, second by Kautz.

Voice Vote Aye: 5 No: 0

Motion carries

Motion to have Chris Kautz serve as secretary as necessary.

Motion by Gabriel, second by Hamilton.

Voice Vote Aye: 5 No: 0

Motion carries

B. Review/approve Grant Questionnaire and any new changes/additions

Chair Shogren discussed the question created by board member Kautz to add to the funding application, asking member organizations for any information about feedback from any potential client surveys. The purpose is to gauge the value of services provided from the perspective of the clients they serve; as well as any information on outcomes that may be available.

Chair Shogren stated the proposed change would be on question 12 on the grant application to a question as discussed by the board.

Motion to change by Wagner, second by Hamilton.

Voice Vote Aye: 5 No: 0

Motion carries

B. Organizations and Service Provider's Newsletters

Chair Shogren shared newsletters received as follows:

-An article was received seeking that mental health providers go on 911 calls, and in some states omit engagement from police activity altogether, to reduce escalation, simply by removing police presence. The article seemed to show that thirteen states truly are seeking to achieve what the City of Geneva is already accomplishing by having mental health providers available to work in conjunction with law enforcement.

-NAMI sent June newsletter advertising support groups and NAMI KDK has a new executive director, Sarah Gray and programs coordinator Lauren Walsh.

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-AID is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

-Inc Links stated that Inc Board will participate in wellness Saturdays on the second Saturday of each month at the Batavia Farmer's Market. A scholarship was created in Jerry Murphy's name awarding local students entering the field of mental health.

- Mental Health of America is offering a virtual conference June 10-12<sup>th</sup> online free of charge.

#### 8 **Old Business:**

##### A. May Mental Health Month

Chair Shogren sent a thank you letter to Lisa Meister and the students involved in May Mental Health activities. Ms. Meister stated they would not hesitate to participate annually in this event. Chair Shogren was approached by Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready stating he'd like to see recurring highlights of activities in the city, especially some of these in collaboration with the 708 Mental Health Board, brought forward in a newsletter to share with Geneva residents.

#### 9. **Public Comments, Mail**

Board member Kautz inquired about recommendations for replacing the board member who has left. Chair Shogren has reached out to someone interested, the ultimate decision once this individual applies resides with Mayor Burns. Chair Shogren recommended that anyone else on the board who may know someone with any interest to encourage them to apply. The board has been well represented by community members from a mental health profession, nursing/medical as well as parents of children with mental health needs.

Board member Wagner asked if anyone felt Critical Race Theory may come up as a topic through the schools, that could potentially be brought to the mental health board.

#### 10. **Adjournment**

Chair Shogren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Kautz second by Hamilton

Voice Vote: Aye: 5 No: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM

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