

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

June 13, 2023, 7:00 P.M.  
Geneva City Hall  
22 S. First Street  
Geneva, Illinois

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

Chair Shogren called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

Members Absent: Shogren

**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 9, 2023

\*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion to approve by Wagner second by Kautz

Voice Vote Aye: 6 No: 0

**5. Guest Speaker: Alderperson, Martha Paschke**

Topic postponed to another meeting date.

**6. Chairperson's Report**

Vice Chair Hamilton circulated invitation to the City of Geneva Employee and Elected Officials Kane County Cougars game on Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>.

As a reminder, the 708 Mental Health Board meetings will not resume again until September 2023.

**8. ACMHAI Report**

Vice Chair Hamilton discussed a volunteer governance webinar on June 15<sup>th</sup>, offering the information to any board member who may be interested in attending. Anyone who is interested, Vice Chair Hamilton will forward a link for the invitation. Board Member Kautz expressed interested in attending.

The State is working to put more 988 call centers in place throughout the state.

The State is looking at options to offer people low interest loans who are interested in starting a business that serves mental health communities.

An overall observation is, the State is showing a lot of legislation supporting “boots on the ground” people who are interested in serving in mental health.

**9. New Business:**

A. Elderday Gala/Fundraiser update, Connie Wagner

Board Member Wagner attended the Elderday Gala at Buttermilk in Geneva in May. The event was very well attended from far reaching areas of Kane County. Elderday has opened another location in Elgin offering daytime care services.

B. Board Position voting: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary (in event Recording Secretary is absent)

Vice Chair Hamilton asked for nominations for the aforementioned roles.

Board Member Gabriel motion for the following with a second by Gaines

Chairperson: Shogren

Vice Chairperson: Hamilton

Secretary: Fintzen

Voice Vote Aye: 6 No: 0

Board member Fintzen noted that Chair Shogren confirmed board members Kautz, Gabriel and Wagner would agree to remain on the 708 Mental Health Board. All have stated they will remain.

10. **Old Business:**

A. Review May Mental Health Month Efforts

Vice Chair Hamilton discussed the ribbon tying which was completed very quickly with the help of students. Vice Chair Hamilton shared communication from the library director stating the messaging about 988 help has been shared via several modalities from the library, including an on screen message in the building (televisions throughout the library), social media posts and via a newsletter which has a reach of more than 8000 people in the community. The library has asked that the 708 Mental Health Board be sure to approach them again next year so they can share the message again during the month of May.

Vice Chair Hamilton asked the board for discussion about what went well and what might work well again next year. Board member Gaines noted and discussed a receptiveness from people at businesses in the community, about sharing the 988 posters. Board member Kautz discussed a sense of pride about the active engagement from the 708 Mental Health Board with various members of the community, stating she would like to see the same again next year and to extend invitation for a couple of students to come to a board meeting next year. Board member Kautz also recommended engaging with a mental health provider in the community to take part, or perhaps a collaboration with the police. Vice Chair Hamilton remarked that continuing the messaging of the 988 help lines for May of 2024 from the 708 Board seems a good plan, as it was well received all around.

11. **Public Comments/Mail:**

Chair Shogren received mail from the following organizations:

NAMI KDK sent a newsletter

12. **Adjournment**

Vice Chair Hamilton asked if there were any other items or a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Wagner second by Gabriel.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

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