

708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2022 7:00 P.M.
109 James Street
Geneva, Illinois

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: None

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Shogren added an item to new business. Item B will discuss an E-Mail from a resident received by Vice-Chair Hamilton.

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 10, 2022

*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion to approve by Wagner second by Kautz

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

5. Chairperson's Report:

Chair Shogren discussed that she's noticed an increase in the number of sources she's receiving information discussing mental health, which would seem to signify greater overall awareness.

Chair Shogren discussed a bill signed by the Governor today, which among several things, allows for reactivation of mental health providers whose license has been out of practice for less than 5 years; for those wishing to reenter the field.

Mental Health America held a national conference in Washington D.C. in June.

UPI article from May discussed the rise in drug overdose in the U.S. The CDC is stating numbers are at their highest in recorded history.

Beginning July 16th, the 988 National Mental Health hotline will go into effect. A trained mental health professional will respond to all calls. This may be either a licensed mental health provider or a trained volunteer. Board member Kautz asked if the suicide hotlines would be rolled into 988. It is believed that a former 211 hotline will be routed to the 988 hotline. Chair Shogren discussed submitting a pamphlet with information about the 988 hotline to the city to add to their website.

Chair Shogren shared that Houston is a city named in a news release for success in reducing their homelessness. Houston is currently able to find housing for the homeless at an average of 32 days, with a goal of cutting these current numbers in half by 2025.

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7. ACMHAI Report:

Vice Chair Hamilton discussed a noted a current increase in volume of legislature going through on the topic of mental health in the state of Illinois. Telehealth is an example of something that had been put through under emergency measures during the pandemic but has now become a law in Illinois.

Chair Shogren discussed information regarding telehealth which discusses school based tele-behavioral health services. Utilization at this time, is in four counties in Illinois. The agencies state approximately 80% of students are new to seeking services. Board member Kautz asked if students need parental permission to receive these services. Board member Wagner believes they would need to seek parental consent.

8. New Business:

A. Board Position Election

Chair Shogren discussed the positions on the board up for election and the process for electing members for these positions. Round table discussion regarding existing positions.

Motion by Kautz for Suzy Shogren to retain her position as Chair second by Fintzen

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No:0

Motion carries

Motion by Kautz for Vice Chair to remain Eleanor Hamilton second by Gabriel

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No:0

Motion carries

Motion by Wagner for Sue Fintzen for the position of secretary second by Kautz

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No:0

Motion carries

B. Email from a Geneva Resident

Vice Chair Hamilton discussed a recent email received from an Alderman on the topic of funding for mental health and related public policy information. Through this exchange, Vice Chair Hamilton is asking the board if they felt it could be beneficial to offer information to all Aldermen in Geneva, recognizing that as newly elected come into their roles, they may not have had the benefit of presentations for what the 708 Mental Health Board serves to bring to the City of Geneva. Board member Gaines discussed, and recollected previous presentations made to Aldermen, but concurred that was likely several years ago. Chair Shogren recollected a brief presentation that existed, created by Vice Chair Hamilton, that could perhaps be updated and presented to Aldermen. Board member Wagner has historical enabling legislation from the city in her possession; from the advent of the 708 Mental Health Board that could also be shared. This topic will be revisited in the September meeting.

9. Old Business:

A. May Mental Health Month Education/Awareness

Chair Shogren discussed the community wide awareness efforts, putting green ribbons around town as well as partnering with the High School. The high school in turn, partnered with the middle schools. Chair Shogren discussed a future possibility of placing lawn signs to describe the purpose of the green ribbons. Ribbons were placed at Grahams, City Hall, the Courthouse and three schools. Chair Shogren discussed the loss of a Junior this year at the high school, in May, and outreach she made to S.A.D.D. sponsor Lisa Meister at Geneva High School. Chair Shogren discussed the possibility of a partnership with others in the community to host a

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possible community conversation on the topic for Mental Health Awareness Month in May 2023. Roundtable discussion on previous years' activities on this topic.

Chair Shogren and board Member Fintzen state they have leftover green plastic for next year for ribbons. The middle school students did some sidewalk chalk art, photos were taken and those will be used for a cover photo for next year.

Chair Shogren will receive a check in the amount of \$1800 to the Geneva 708 Mental Health Board from a couple, who are local business owners. The donation will be brought to a city council meeting. Chair Shogren also discussed the library's mental health program that was presented in May.

10. Public Comments and Mail:

Emails/Newsletters were received from:

Ecker Center

Suicide Prevention Services

AID

NAMI

Ink Board

11. Adjournment:

Chair Shogren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Wagner second by Gaines

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

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