

708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2021 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

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

Absent: Fintzen

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 June 8, 2021

*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

Motion to approve by Kautz second by Wagner

Voice Vote Aye: 6 No:0

Motion carries

5. **Chairperson's Report:**

Chair Shogren expressed gratitude for the members of the board continuing to serve again this year. Chair Shogren shared an email she received from an organization; Horse Power Therapeutic Riding, seeking more information on the Geneva Mental Health Board Grant Application. Chair Shogren will be sending them information on applying for the 2021 grant.

Chair Shogren discussed several articles that had been emailed to board members over the summer as they pertain to mental health and recommended these may be a good topic for presentation to City Council in December.

Today, Chair Shogren attended an online webinar offered by ACMHAI discussing rescue funds governed by the Treasury Department under a plan titled ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide funding to support service providers. The information seemed very general in nature at this time.

6. **ACMHAI Report:**

A. Summer months activity updates

Vice Chair Hamilton discussed a speech by Corinne Pierog discussing where funds may be coming from to support mental health and how it may be best utilized as it will be available for the next four years. Chair Shogren concurred that the same information was offered during the ARPA webinar. The information received on the funding topic as a whole; is that it will be

reviewed and disbursed through use of an application required as well as a written plan on how funds will be used.

B. Legislative Updates

Vice Chair Hamilton discussed a meeting with Delilah from the Inc Board and local legislative Members including Corinne Pierog where they had shared discussion about the County Wide 708 Board that had been discussed last year. Vice Chair Hamilton as well as others in attendance expressed that while a County-wide supported 708 Mental Health Board would be wonderful, not if it were to take from the efforts of local 708 Mental Health Boards or create situations where double taxations were in question for residents.

Vice Chair Hamilton also stated a former ACMHAI Chair has now taken a role with the State of Illinois working to develop mental health policies.

Chair Shogren commented on how valuable information from being an ACMHAI member was to this board to keep them abreast of this kind of information relative to legislation for mental health in Illinois. Chair Shogren asked if there was anything learned or discussed through ACMHAI about the development of a 708 Mental Health Board in Elgin. At this time there is not.

7. New Business:

A. Review/approve Grant Questionnaire and any new changes/additions/deletions

Chair Shogren opened discussion on whether the board feels a need to ask service providers if they've received Covid relief funds. Round table discussion whether or not it would change funding or outcomes and decisions by the board. It was also discussed that so much continues to be in a fluid state. Round table discussion about items on the current application; Board Member Kautz discussed the items she will always focus on are; Geneva residents served, funds spent to support Geneva residents and questions that answer in support of Geneva residents.

Chair Shogren asked if there were any changes needed for the cover letter. None noted.

B. Organizations and Service Provider's Newsletters

Chair Shogren discussed emailed newsletters received by various organizations discussing events and fundraisers; some that had occurred over the summer and some that are to come this fall.

ACMHAI sent an email about a Children's Mental Health Plan webinar due to take place Mon Sept 13, 14 and 18th for educators interested. Chair Shogren sent information to Changing Children's World Foundation.

8. Old Business:

None

9. Public Comments, Mail

None

10. Adjournment

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Chair Shogren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Gaines second by Gabriel
Voice Vote Aye: 6 No:0
Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM

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