

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2023**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at the Center for Independence through Conductive Education, 100 W. Plainfield Road, Suite 100, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rev. Jeffrey Clemons.

Interim President Rev. Jeffrey Clemons asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, Lou Gale, Elyse Hoffenberg, and Barbara Minneci.

Commissioner(s) on Phone: None.

Commissioner(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ron Melka, Executive Director; and Jazmin Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Agency Director(s) Present: Alan Morales, The LeaderShop; Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand; Diane Farina White, Community Support Services; and Patricia Herbst, Center for Independence through Conductive Education.

Agency Director(s) on Phone: Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health.

Guest(s) Present: Josephine Boggs, Center for Independence through Conductive Education; Brian Miller, Del Galdo Law Group; and Anthony Przeklasa.

Guest(s) on Phone: Shelly Lustrup, NAMI Metro Suburban.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Seith to approve the Amended Agenda to move the Recognition of former Commissioner Anthony Przeklasa as the next Agenda item. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Amended Agenda was approved.

RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY PRZEKLASA

The Lyons Township Mental Health Commission recognized and thanked former Commissioner Anthony Przeklasa for his contributions to the Commission from 2015 to 2023.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 22, 2023 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Gale to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2023. Ayes: Unanimous. Abstain: Palmer. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION BY CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE THROUGH CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION:

Patricia Herbst, Executive Director and Josephine Boggs, Clinical Supervisor gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for the Center for Independence through Conductive Education's presentation and impact on our community.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ron referred to his written report found in the meeting packet. Ron reported that all agencies submitted their Quarterly Reports. A total of 4,114 Lyons Township residents received 260,573 units of service. This represents a 27% increase in the residents serviced, and more than double in the units of service. We had a Trauma-Informed and Mental Health Justice Summit that was a huge success. We now have a monthly newsletter rather than a daily list of news articles. Ron trained 14 officers in Mental Health First Aid at the Countryside Police Department. The Coalition for a Drug Free Lyons Township restarted a middle school Principals' Task Force at LT and Gurrie Middle School.

ACMHAI negotiated with TOI and other county board associations to have a clause allowing community mental health boards to set their own levy removed. The revised bill passed both houses and should be signed by the governor shortly. ACMHAI is lobbying in Springfield regarding alcopops which are sodas with alcohol in them. The alcoholic beverages were sold right next to the non-alcoholic sodas. They will now be sold separately and have signage that purchasers must be over 21 years old. The agency advisory council meeting will meet on June 29. The Commission received two Freedom of Information Act requests and Ron will be available to discuss after the meeting.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health reported that there are opportunities for collaboration with The Loft, Buddy's Place and the Drug Free Coalition, so they have started to work together. Angela welcomed Commissioner Minneci to the board and thanked Anthony Przeklasa for his contributions to the board.

Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand thanked the Commission for approving his grant request. He reported that they are expanding how they speak at schools about disabilities. He has two clients who speak at schools that they are paying. He is hoping schools would pay them to speak at their schools. He has a client in the LaGrange home who recently found a job repairing wheelchairs. Bill also shared that they will finally pay off the remainder of their debt on July 1, which was a total of about 6.5-7.5 million dollars of debt.

Diane Farina White, Community Support Services reported that they were selected as one of two charities to receive proceeds from BrewMoon. They were connected, through a board member, to Summit Salon and were chosen as their charity and raised \$8,000.00 in three days and used that for years-of-service bonuses. They were approved for \$100,000.00 for a new roof and they are working on retrieving that money. CSS received \$16,000.00 for computers. HFS awarded the West Cook Coalition a grant for Healthcare Transformation and will hire a new Community Healthcare Worker.

Alan Morales, The LeaderShop thanked Anthony Przeklasa for his service to the community. Things are moving forward with FAST at Dist. 104. The LeaderShop is interviewing candidates

for a marketing position and a program manager, and they are receiving a lot of resumes from qualified applicants.

Shelly Lustrup, NAMI Metro Suburban reported that their Living Rooms are both on track to surpass their goal of 150 unduplicated guests. They started adding new groups to the Living Room programs and they have been very popular. They have been able to offer bilingual groups at their Summit site. The Education team finished the school year teaching 12,500 students a variety of their education classes. They surpassed their goal of 2,500 students in Lyons Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A **MOTION** was made by Hoffenberg and seconded by Hartigan to approve the following slate of Officers for FY2024:

Elyse Hoffenberg, President
Jeffrey Clemons, Vice President
Sophia Mallis, Treasurer
Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, Secretary

Discussion followed.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Seith to Amend the Motion as follows:

Steve Palmer, President
Jeffrey Clemons, Vice President
Sophia Mallis, Treasurer
Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, Secretary

Roll Call on the Amendment to the Motion: Ayes: Steve Palmer, William Seith, and Sophia Mallis. Abstain: Rev. Jeffrey Clemons. Nays: Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, Al Dorobiala, Elyse Hoffenberg, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Motion Lost.

Interim President then called the original Motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Elyse Hoffenberg, Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02 RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR

A **MOTION** was made by Hartigan and seconded by Palmer to approve Resolution No. 2023-02 Annual Ratification as presented. Roll Call: Russell Hartigan, Steve Palmer, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Elyse Hoffenberg, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF HIRING MILLER COOPER & CO., LTD. AS AUDITOR

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Seith to approve the hiring of Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. as auditors. Roll Call: Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Jeffrey Clemons, Russell Hartigan, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, Elyse Hoffenberg, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF HIRING OF MARY MISSBRENNER, CPA AS ACCOUNTANT

A **MOTION** was made by Gale and seconded by Palmer to approve the hiring of Mary Missbrenner, CPA as presented. Roll Call: Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Jeffrey Clemons, Russell Hartigan, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, Elyse Hoffenberg, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

OLD NATIONAL BANK (F/K/A FIRST MIDWEST BANK) CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Minneci that the Old National Bank Certificates of Deposit are rolled over based on the recommendations of the executive director. Roll Call: Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Elyse Hoffenberg, and Lou Gale. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Mallis that the Strategic Plan approved in November 2019 be extended to June 30, 2024. Roll Call: Steve Palmer, Sophia Mallis, Jeffrey Clemons, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Elyse Hoffenberg, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Hoffenberg to create a strategic planning committee. Roll Call: Al Dorobiala, Elyse Hoffenberg, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Lou Gale, Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion regarding Commissioners interested in participating in the Committee followed.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Treasurer Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report dated June 26, 2023 as follows:

Beginning Balance as of April 30, 2023:	\$3,243,342.61
Receipts during May 2023:	\$ 137,015.66
Disbursements during May 2023:	\$ 337,313.43
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2023:	\$3,043,044.84

A **MOTION** was made by Seith, seconded by Palmer to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated June 26, 2023, as presented. Roll Call: Williams Seith, Steve Palmer, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Al Dorobiala, Elyse Hoffenberg, Lou Gale and Barbara Minneci. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Twenty-Eight (28) Payables totaling \$361,026.17 dated June 26, 2023 and a Draft list of Twenty-Two (22) Payables totaling \$348,643.76 dated July 17, 2023.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Seith to approve the Monthly Payables dated June 26, 2023, and the Draft Monthly Payables dated July 17, 2023, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Palmer, William Seith, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, Al Dorobiala, Elyse Hoffenberg, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Seith and seconded by Mallis at 7:21 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary