

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2024**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Elyse Hoffenberg.

President Elyse Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

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

Commissioner(s) on Phone: William Seith

Staff Present: Jazmin Lopez, Executive Director, and Mariam Ahmad, Executive Administrator

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: Jim Tabor, Director of Employment Services at Helping Hand and Jim Haptonstahl, Vice President of Institutional Giving at UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Minneci to approve Agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 22, 2024, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2024. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jazmin reported that the FY2023 Annual Report was submitted to the Township for publishing. In FY2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023), the Commission funded programs that served 9,173 Township of Lyons residents and provided 166,003 hours of service.

Jazmin reported on the Commissions successful Mindful Art for Seniors event held at the Justice Park District and Bridgeview Park District. A Recovery Support Specialist from NAMI Metro Suburban led the classes and discussed the importance of using self-care techniques to cope with stress and reduce the symptoms of anxiety and depression. This also gave the participants an opportunity to socialize with one another, which has also been effective in mental well-being. A total of 30 older adults from our Township, including Willow Springs, Bridgeview, Justice participated: both men and women. We received positive feedback from community members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report dated February 26, 2024, as follows:

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2023:	\$2,575,903.23
Receipts during January 2024:	\$67,430.02
Disbursements during January 2024:	\$349,952.85
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2024:	\$2,293,380.40

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Hartigan to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated February 26, 2024, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Elyse Hoffenberg, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Hon. Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Twenty-Seven (27) Payables totaling \$349,888.15 dated February 26, 2024.

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Mallis to approve the Monthly Payables dated February 26, 2024, as presented; Roll Call: Ayes: Elyse Hoffenberg, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Hon. Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, Lou Gale, and Barbara Minneci. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jim Haptonstahl, Vice President of Institutional Giving at UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, spoke briefly regarding UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago. They currently provide services to 7 communities to fill the gaps that are needed at group homes. They also provide jobs for individuals with disabilities at a car detailing service on 31st and Ogden.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Elyse Hoffenberg and seconded by Rev. Jeffrey Clemons at 6:13 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary