LYONS TOWNSHIP Mental Health COMMISSION

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; Sophia Mallis; Barbara Minneci; and Al Dorobiala.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Erin Miller

Staff Present: Cathy Pierson Lenke, Executive Director of Community Outreach & Education, Dr. Emmie Crement, Community Support Specialist, and Julie Rule-Ong, Program & Community Social Woker

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) via Telephone: N/A

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2026 were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Minneci to approve the Minutes of April 20, 2026, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Hoffenberg reported that LTMHC has filed with the state to launch a new non-profit organization, Lyons Township CARE Initiative. This new organization will be able to apply for grants. Current members of the board are Miriam Cruz, Michelle Sanchez, Elyse Hoffenberg, and Steve Landek. The organization is looking for advisory board members and

hopes to eventually have a brick-and-mortar spot for grantees to provide services. Elyse invited Cathy to speak about a recent team site visit to Seguin. Cathy described the visit and said that the LTMHC team was impressed with the work the organization is doing. More site visits will likely be performed for organizations in the future.

The internship program will begin soon with office space at Seat Geek stadium, where Julie and Mariam will be working with the interns. Emmie and Cathy will oversee Camp Thrive, which will be staffed with interns. A camp director has been hired for the pilot three-week camp, which includes transportation for the campers.

Additional program updates include graduations for the FAST and leadership programs. Elyse invited Emmie to discuss the recent Movers and Shakers breakfast that focused on intellectual and developmental disabilities, where transportation was identified as an issue. Elyse shared that LTMHC is working on a transportation partnership with Helping Hands. LTMHC recently hosted a Lunch and Learn mindfulness event with NAMI, with the next event in the series in June. Emmie also attended the anniversary of Karina's Law and talked about the resource cards she has been distributing. Housing was identified as the biggest barrier for domestic violence survivors. Currently, nobody from Lyons Township is staying at Constance Morris House.

Upcoming events include the Memorial Day Parade in Western Springs, the Pet Parade in La Grange, and a Youth Mental Health First Aid Training on June 6. Emmie also discussed the Traveling Play Café, which includes magazines, videos, and activities for kids.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant applications were discussed, and Rev. Clemons recommended that, in the future, we ensure our grant applications request duplicate client counts for each program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Video recording of board meetings has been put on hold. The Township attempted to record one of its board meetings, but the camera failed. We will attempt to record LTMHC Board meetings in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer's Report dated May 18, 2026, as follows:

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2026:	$ 2,436,988.82
Receipts during April 2026:	$ 1,290,665.08
Disbursements during April 2026:	$ 333,149.54
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2026:	$ 3,394,504.36

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated May 18, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Thirty-eight (38) Payables totaling $341,245.95 dated May 18, 2026.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Clemons to approve the Monthly Payables dated May 18, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Hoffenberg and seconded by Minneci at 6:59 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

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Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Barbara Minneci
Secretary