

708 GENEVA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2019 7:00 P.M.
109 James Street
Geneva, Illinois

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Present: Shogren, Hamilton, Gaines, Wagner, Hollman, Gabriel

Additional Present: AID President & CEO Lore Baker and Chuck Miles

Absent: Kautz

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 January 8, 2019

Motion to approve Wagner, second by Gaines

Motion carried

*B. Approve Payment to Recording Secretary for Services

5. Guest Speakers:

Lore Baker, President and Executive Director of The Association for Individual Development Round table introductions to guest speaker. Lore has been with AID since Oct 1, 2018 and president of AID since Jan 4, 2019. Lore shared more information about her background in service positions. Lore further shared some items AID is currently working on in capital management as well as plans for buildings they currently have and related plans to serve individuals in their programs. Lore also shared plans for their organization to provide service to individuals with dual diagnosis both serving mental health and developmental disability needs and are looking to make that an example for the State to show how this can be achieved. Lore also shared that she attended an Elgin Township meeting on 3/11/19 where creating a 708 Board in Elgin was put on the referendum for next year. Lore also shared that AID partnered with affording housing developers as they have for many years and have continued plans to bring their services into affordable housing developments which is working well for clients served, developers and AID. Lore shared printed material stating their mission, programs & services, locations, demographics and ways to support AID. Chuck and Lore shared information about affordable housing initiatives and how it relates to retaining employees such as teachers in towns. Chuck shared that AID is working to find jobs for individuals with disabilities in their home towns because experiences are better for individuals working in areas where they live. AID provides advocacy services and some job coaching services to help individuals with disabilities find jobs that are a good fit. A question was asked if AID has difficulties finding employees. Lore shared that all of the organizations like theirs have some struggles however they're pleased

to offer that they have several employees that have many years of service including excesses of 30 and 40 years of service.

Lore Baker and Chuck Miles left the meeting.

6. Chairperson's Report

- A. Chair Shogren shared information about senate bill 2106, expanding on earlier conversation with Lore Baker based on a local dispute in Stevenson County between their local mental health board and their sheriff's department. ACMHAI Members are being asked to file a witness slip in opposition to the bill deemed to have catastrophic outcomes for 708 Mental Health Boards stating that 20% of future revenues of 708 Boards are at risk for being lost. Information was given to board members on how to respond in opposition to the bill online.
- B. Email from The Action Network which is an organization that takes up causes for non-profits to share information of common interest. SB1148 and HB2148 that provides livable wages for direct support professionals.
- C. Chair Shogren shared information about a seminar on April 24th, at Riverside Receptions in Geneva to discuss affordable housing.
- D. In late January Chair Shogren forwarded an opportunity about a capital bill that allowed agencies funded by the 708 Board that included capital projects that could be included in proposed legislation. Agencies served by the 708 Board responded in gratitude to be made aware of the opportunity and acted on it accordingly. Specific thanks were received by AID, Joshua Tree, Renz and Eckert.
- E. Chair Shogren shared that a Kane County opioid task force has been established in the area. Members from the St Charles 708 Board have shared their interest in being a part of that board and welcome members from neighboring Geneva who have interest in working with them on this new task force.
- F. Chair Shogren shared information about the Inc Board newsletter which spotlighted Fox Valley Hands of Hope. Information about the new executive director for the Inc Board, Dalila Alegria was also mentioned. Her position is effective April 1st, 2019.
- G. Renz sent an electronic newsletter that Chair Shogren printed and shared round table.
- H. Tri-City Family Services put together a survey from one of their programs seeking feedback about their Wilderness Challenge Program and shared this example of a funded agency seeking to assess effectiveness of programs offered and share results.
- I. Pike County 708 Board has funding to proceed with a community mental health resource assessment. They were asking other 708 Boards for advice on how to go about doing a needs assessment. Consensus was to check with local Universities for this advice.

7. ACMHAI Report

- A. Chair Shogren shared the invoice fee for ACMHAI as well as a renewal application which includes a question about the levy rate.

Chair Shogren asked for a motion to approve payment of the ACMHAI invoice

Motion to pay ACMHAI invoice made by Hamilton, second by Wagner.

Voice Vote: Aye: 6 No: 0

Motion carried

- B. Vice Chair Hamilton shared information about the ACMHAI executive director and the fostering of shared information among 708 Boards ranging from those with full facilities in place and providing extensive services, to those in rural areas not providing as many services and with limited access to information. Vice Chair Hamilton shared that information she gains from reading these shared responses, facilitated by ACMHAI, is a wealth of professional knowledge.

- C. The next ACMHAI meeting is in Springfield on December 11-12, 2019.

8. New Business

- A. Review of Mission Statement/Strategic Plan and Arc of Year

Chair Shogren shared information round table, on the revised mission statement and Arc of the Year, reminding the team of changes that had been proposed last year.

Chair Shogren asked for a motion to accept the motion statement and goals and objectives as written and shared with the Board.

Motion by Chair Shogren with a second by Gabriel

Voice Vote: Aye: 6 No: 0

Motion carried

- B. Request for motion to accept the Arc of the Year for 2019 made by Chair Shogren.

Motion by Wagner second by Gaines

Voice Vote: Aye: 6 No: 0

Motion carried

- C. Update regarding possible Kennedy Forum Speaker and May Mental Health Month

Vice Chair Hamilton shared information gained by attending an ACMHAI meeting. The Kennedy Forum advocates for the Mental Health Parity Act which seeks for insurance companies to cover mental health the way other health related issues are covered. It was stated that their next push will be in work place health. Options for the speaker could be one of two ways, one being a more traditional presentation, however an option they call "On the Table" is popular in that it involves the audience and is more of a panel discussion format. It was shared that this version was observed at a meeting attended by Chair Shogren that took place in Elgin, and it was a very successful and well received format. A suggestion was made to not only invite community members, but also agencies served by the Geneva 708 Mental Health Board. Discussion about having the speaker from the Kennedy Forum come in May during a regular 708 Board meeting time slot.

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Vice Chair Hamilton shared that it had been discussed with the City Manager, and utilization of the City building on James would be available if it were held during a regular 708 Board time slot meeting.

More information to come in April about the potential presentation.

9. Old/Other Business

- A. Chair Shogren shared with the Board that a reschedule of the planned February 708 Board meeting that was cancelled in February as well as guest speakers would likely be June when that could be rescheduled.
- B. Chair Shogren shared a news article about the new Director for Lazarus house from the Daily Herald
- C. Chair Shogren attended a “NAMI Smarts” 2-hour training in Chicago. Much of the information was on methods to advocate mental health at the State level.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS, MAIL

Chair Shogren shared some mail received, round table with the board which included many thank you letters from agencies for funding support from the 708 Mental Health Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shogren proposed motion to adjourn.
Motion by Gaines second by Hollman.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.

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