

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MINUTES of the MEETINGS
August 9, 2017

The meeting of the Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board was called to order by Board Chairperson, Dominick Lanzito at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Kim Cline, Diana Eckert, Kirk Etapa, Cindy Franceschini, Dominick Lanzito, Edward Levato, Michael McGinn

Also present, Marguerite Ott, Michael Murray, Lizbeth Fitzgerald, Katy Schueman, John Angel, Mike Hovde, Paul Scott, David Hennessy, Lisa Mlodoch, Lynne Uhl, and Marco Parducci.

Dominick Lanzito made a motion to advance the agenda and start with public participation. Edward Levato seconded. All board members voted Aye.

Public Comment:

The board then opened the floor for public comment.

1. Michael Murray, 154 S. Prospect, Roselle, IL. He wished to address the board about a proposed preliminary budget he is proposing based on Oak Park. Budget in line with what was asked for during the referendum. He did provide the proposed budget to the board. Using Oak Park model, they have professional administration to interact with providers and use the tax payers money in an appropriate way. They use a fee for service model. He invited residents to a training on September 21 & 22 on suicide.
2. Katy Schueman, 23W354 Burdett Ave, Carol Stream, IL. She wished to address the board regarding mental health first aid. This is a specific program that people are trained in. It teaches people to be sensitive to watching for signals. She feels like it would be helpful for township to provide training for this.
3. Liz Fitzgerald, 655 Oak Street, Roselle, IL. She wished to address the board regarding the importance from developmental disability side. Services adult's need are not available through the state. She urged the board to work hard for seed money or for a loan.
4. David Hennessy, 534 Mohican Road, Carol Stream, IL. He wished to address the board regarding an opioid program for the community that he is developing. He provided the board with a handout of his program called, Do Right for Life. He is looking for support from the township.

Approval of Minutes: June 21, 2017

Michael McGinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Cindy Franceschini. No discussion. All board members voted Aye.

Communications:

Dominick Lanzito made a motion to place the PROPOSED ZERO SUM BUDGET FOR Bloomingdale Township Mental Health and Bloomingdale Township Preliminary Budget Preface 2018 from Michael Murray on file. Edward Levato seconded. All board members voted Aye.

Budget and levy requirements:

Edward Levato met with Karen Ayala from DuPage County Health and learned of services available. Services that are available can be found: <http://www.dupagehealth.org/mental-health> Mr. Levato lead a discussion on how the township may be out of commission because of the high cost to operate. Keeping this in mind, the board should not duplicate services, but create new ones to keep the township in tact. To use the township as a facility to deliver services. Diana Eckert stated that even if the township is abolished, the board would remain intact. Mr. Levato stated that that couldn't happen since the township sets the budget for the mental health board. There is a levy vote in November. Ms. Eckert asked if the board was going to look at the budget submitted by Mr. Murray. Dominick Lanzito stated we need to determine our needs before we can create a budget. This is a very important matter and should be taken seriously.

Formation of committee to provide a needs assessment:

Dominick Lanzito met with Roselle and Bloomingdale police chiefs to discuss top needs in the township. Both reported opioid addiction & mental illness. Mr. Lanzito stated that it is ambition to form a committee. A motion to form a needs assessment committee was made by Dominick Lanzito and seconded by Diana Eckert. All board members voted Aye.

Appointment of individuals to the Needs Assessment Committee:

Dominick Lanzito had Marco Parducci introduced himself. He has volunteered to chair the needs assessment committee. No questions from the board.

There was conversation between the board members and audience member regarding the size of committee and members that comprise the committee.

Comments included the consideration of taking members of the community that are living with "the problem." Having people submit the names of different people they want on the board. Having interested individuals submit bios or brief write up to the chairman of the board. How will public know to apply for this committee? The committee would benefit from having someone from the hospitals and religious leaders. Conversation about having time to do it right because we are not going to have money for another year. Make sure to service all 110,000 members of the township. Conversation turned to the budget and November levy. The levy is

for the budget. The mental health board can submit a request for the levy without assessment being complete. Regarding size, Mr. Lanzito saw it being 3 people making a report and final recommendation. Definitely others will assist with this. When there is a workshop, anyone is free to participate. Conversation about cumbersome to gather all these bios. Easier to vote members from the board today. There is a need to divide the topics.

A motion was made to gather names and bios of interested parties by Ed Levato and seconded by Dominick Lanzito. All members voted Nay. Motion not passed.

Cindy Franceschini made a motion to appoint a 3 person panel for the needs assessment committee. Michael McGinn seconded. Discussion from board on whether to have 3 or 5 member committee.

Ayes: Cline, Etapa, Franceschini, Lanzito, McGinn

Nays: Eckert. Absent: Levato. Abstain: None. Motion Passed

The board then discussed the need to identify potential members. Michael McGinn made a motion to elect Marco Parducci, Cindy Franceschini & Diana Eckert to the committee. seconded by Dominick Lanzito. Discussion that Mr. Murray should be heavily involved and Mr. Parducci will be an asset to the committee.

All in favor of Marco Parducci- All board members voted Aye.

All in favor of Cindy Franceschini- All board members voted Aye.

All in favor of Diana Eckert- All board members voted Aye.

Dominick Lanzito asked if anyone on the board was opposed to a second public participation?
All board members said they were not opposed.

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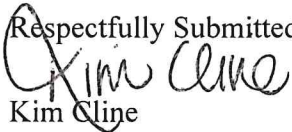
1. Lisa Mlodoch, 40 Picton Road, Roselle, Illinois. She wished to address the board on a book she is reading on suicide and the urgent need to start services now.
2. John Angel, 120 N. Lakeview Dr, Bloomingdale, Illinois. He wished to address the board because on the boards that he has served on, they have had times allocated for public comment at both beginning and end of meeting. No one is ever going to be happy with where public comment falls.
3. Diana Hoke, 252 Lawnridge Dr., Bloomingdale, IL. She wished to address the board to request to allow people to add items to the agenda for discussion. Edward Levato stated that it is not good practice to not have something on the agenda that will be discussed.

4. Michael Murray, 154 S. Prospect, Roselle, IL. He wished to address the board to state that in Dupage we have a plethora of services. However, even middle class incomes have high deductibles and providers can't afford to take medicaid. Without duplicating services, the township can help support what is in place.

After public comment was complete, board member Eckert wanted to discuss her meeting with NAMI. She submitted a meeting highlights report to board members. Dominick Lanzito said that since this is not on the agenda, it was not the time to discuss. The discussion of report was added to the September agenda.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Michael McGinn moved to adjourn the meeting. Diana Eckert seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Cline

Mental Health Board Secretary