

**BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**MINUTES of the MEETINGS**  
**October 11, 2017**

The meeting of the Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Edward Levato, at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Absent:** Dominick Lanzito

Also present were Steve Zurik, Sue Zurek, Mary Bialek, Marjorie Kelly, Wayne Domke, Mike Murray, Rakhi Mistry, Lisa Mlodock, Lynne Uhl, Elizabeth Huck, Tony Adkins, John Angel, Angela Adkins, Kathryn Schueman, Thomas Fitzgerald, Nancy Leguizamon, Alex Pappa, Barb Marcell, and Mark Milligan.

**Public Comment**

1. Mary Bialik, 24W420 Lawrence Ave, Roselle, 60172. Addressed the board to shared the story of her daughter. As a high achieving adult, experienced trauma resulting in mental illness and neurological delays.
2. Marjorie Kelly, 310 Erie Circle, Bloomingdale, 60108. Addressed the board regarding critical need for mental health services. Parent of child with mental illness and she attends support group.
3. Nancy Legoizamon, 2019 Baldwin Ct, Glendale Heights, 60139. Address the board regarding her son's mental illness and financial support for NAMI.
4. Alex Pappa, 665 Lakeview Court, Roselle, 60172. Addressed the board regarding his work with NAMI and support for drop in program. Discussed the Ending the Silence program in the schools.
5. Michael Murray, 154 S. Prospect, Roselle, 60172. Addressed the board regarding the budget and meeting the mental illness, developmental. Submitted his typed up presentation to the board for record.
6. Kathryn Schueman, 23W352 Burdette, Carol Stream, 60188. Addressed the board regarding the budget and to not underestimate the needs in the community.
7. Sue Zurek, 331 Forest Ave, Roselle, 60172. Addressed the board regarding autism and mental health.
8. Wayne Domki, 630 Oak Street, Roselle, 60172. Addressed the board regarding his vote "yes" for this board, but not being in favor of raising taxes. However, if we need to spend money to save money we need to consider this.
9. Rakhi Mistry, 1224 Adler Lane, Carol Stream, 60188. Address the board regarding her personal story of her daughter attempting suicide and support from NAMI.

10. Tami Dixson, 680 Bluff Street #203, Carol Stream, 60188. Addressed the board as a mental health first aid instructor and information from Lyndon Oaks. The program is for every person in the community, not just mental health professionals.
11. Liz Fitzgerald, 655 Oak Street, Roselle, 60172. Address the board regarding just as much focus on developmental delay as mental illness.
12. Liz Huck, 296 Harbcourt, Bloomingdale, 60108. Addressed the board regarding her own story of mental health diagnosis and attempting suicide at 18 to a functional adult receiving services at 48 through NAMI.
13. Angela Adkins, NAMI DuPage. Addressed the board to highlight mental health needs across all sectors.
14. Board member Diana Eckert read an email written by Cheryl Miceli, Carol Stream (print copy submitted to the board)
15. Board member Edward Levato read an email submitted by Chris Hiechele of Carol Stream to Supervisor Hovde. Email submitted to the board.
16. Ray Wanders, Administrator of the Bloomingdale Township. Addressed the board regarding complaint of administrative cost in general, the cost of need for administrative support for this board if they reach a certain level of funding, and the understanding of the tax cap.

**Approval of Minutes: September 13, 2017**

Diana Eckert requested an amendment to the minutes. She would like the minutes in the report from the needs assessment to reflect that in contacting 4 different community agencies the wait list for appointments and psych evaluations, some as long as 1 year.

Motion made to approve the minutes with amendment was made by: Diana Eckert

Seconded by: Michael McGinn

Ayes: Diana Eckert, Cindy Franceschini, Michael McGinn, Kirk Etapa, Kim Cline, Edward Levato.

Absent: Dominick Lanzito.

Motion Passed

**Suicide Prevention Conference report (Diana Eckert) - Ms. Eckert requested this be delayed until next meeting.**

**Community Service Provider Presentation - Bridge Communities**

Mark Milligan addressed the board. The goal is to help families move from homelessness, crisis and trauma to home stability. Reported on history of DuPage PADS. In the beginning there were more men than women needing this temporary housing. Over time there has been an increase in women and children. As a layperson, decided to help a homeless family. Today Bridge Communities works based on volunteer mentors. Work only with families to meet their long term goal of helping the kids and hopefully breaking the cycle. A family is considered 1 person over 21 and at least 1 child under the age of 18. 95% of time is single mothers with

children. Own 22 buildings across DuPage county. Each building has Learning Campus. As of tonight, they have 97 families housed in the apartments. 2 year program. Presented structure of organization. Homeless family → Mentor Team → Case Management. Surrounded by community supports: housing, transportation, employment program, children services, behavioral health, education services, community resources, and nutrition. Most important aspect of the program is the children. Helping them with socialization, mental health issues, and learning. 11% of revenue is fundraising and 5% is administration. Most funding comes from revenues generated from other real estate (37%); 60% from going out and looking for it; 2% from government entities. 60 people typically benefit from the services at a time with an average of 3,000 looking for help.

#### **Needs Assessment Committee and Levy Discussion**

The Needs Assessment Committee did not present a formal report. Diana Eckert read a statement to the board on our responsibility (as a board) to address mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse first, the budget next. Ms. Eckert passed out a proposed line item budget to the board. This proposed budget included allocated line items for LCSW/Police Liaisons, money to mental health care providers, senior day care, domestic violence, homelessness, transportation aid, DuPage County services in the Bloomingdale Township, prevention programs in middle and high schools, developmental disabilities, respite care, addiction and rehabilitation, supportive employment and administrative fees. Total for the proposed budget is \$1,190,000.00.

Edward Levato stated that he also brought a budget to the board. Mr. Levato stated he has an understanding of budget, expenditures, and costs. He believes community efforts work. Mr. Levato comes with the budget as someone who believes in the program. His idea is to meet the needs of kids and seniors. He stated that the Township has a Mental Health program and senior center; there are some unmet mental health needs at the senior center. The proposed budget included allocated line items for Bloomingdale Township Youth Services, other grant recipients/service contracts, and administrative costs. Total for the proposed budget is \$400,200.00.

Mr. Levato stated that the Daily Herald did not cover the mental health board referendum clearly enough for taxpayers to know what they were voting on. His proposal is to get our existing program more support, provide programs at Lake Park High School, and expand the township program. He proposed to eliminate administrative personnel cost and provide grants. Ms. Eckert stated that yes, our goal is to give grants to service providers. She feels \$1,190,000.00 is

the bare minimum to meet the needs in the Township. Mr. Levato reported that Township residents can also put out a referendum to eliminate a Mental Health Board if a budget is too high.

Michael McGinn stated that the board should consider other options as discussed in the September meeting, such as creating a 501(c)3 as a fundraising opportunity to raise money. Mr. McGinn is against spending money on admin personnel cost. In this option we are not reducing the budget but bringing in new dollars. He stated he is tired of higher taxes and new taxes.

Board member Kirk Etapa stated he is on the side of the lower budget and go through 501(c)3 to raise additional money. Board member Cindy Franceschini stated that board should make some adjustments to the 400,200 to create more opportunities. Board member Kim Cline stated that the board should meet in the middle. There is much unmet need in the school systems and the community at large. Ms. Cline is against spending money on admin personnel cost.

The board discussed how they could potentially raise \$100,000 per year through 501(c)3.

Ed Levato made a motion to make a motion to grant a budget \$500,000.

Michael McGinn seconded.

Discussion: Ms. Franceschini said this seems low and that we have to consider all of the needs.

Ayes: Michael McGinn, Edward Levato

No: Diana Eckert, Cindy Franceschini, Kirk Etapa, Kim Cline

Absent: Dominick Lanzito.

Motion Not Passed

Cindy Franceschini made a motion to grant a budget of \$650,000

Kirk Etapa seconded. No Discussion.

Ayes: Cindy Franceschini, Michael McGinn, Kirk Etapa, Kim Cline,

No: Diana Eckert, Edward Levato

Absent: Dominick Lanzito

Motion Passed

### **Public Comment:**

The board then opened the floor for public comment.

1. Angela Adkins, NAMI DuPage. Addressed the board to state that someone with mental illness is more likely to be a victim of a crime than the assailant. Don't wait until we have a tragedy in this community. We have a chance to make a difference now.

2. John Angel, resident, addressed the board to comment on what was heard today. He asked if the budget could be put on website? Would like to see both proposed budgets on the website. Cautioned the board on mission creep. We are taking social issues and making them mental health issues. Shouldn't be providing free services to all homeless just because some have mental health issues. The mental health board should not be providing services to victims of domestic violence and other social issues.
3. Lisa Mulodock, resident, addressed the board on number of citizens in the township. 28,000 receiving services in hospitals and police stations. The proposed budget is an insult to the needs assessment committee.
4. Tami Dixson, resident, address the board to state that Mental Health First Aid not looking for funding. Use it to educate the community.
5. Liz Fitzgerald, resident, stated she is appalled by action of this board. Not upholding the duty of the board. There are not great township services. It's not just about youth and seniors.
6. Michael Murray, 154 S. Prospect, Roselle, Illinois The auxiliary committee did a study of 7 other mental health boards. Average cost per day - .08/person. Township government is suppose to lift each other up.
7. Kathryn Schueman, resident, addressed the board to state that (the board) have not kept up our part of the bargain with this budget. We could be a coordinated counsel.
8. Diana Hock, resident and president of league of women voters addressed the board to report that Roselle league is not taking a stance of abolishing local government.
9. Mary Bialick, resident, addressed the board to state we (the board) are not doing our job. There is need in the middle of students and seniors. Need programs to help with housing and jobs. The people of the township voted.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Cline  
Mental Health Board Secretary