

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
MINUTES of the MEETINGS  
September 25, 2019

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Diana Eckert, Marco Parducci, Kim Cline, Michael McGinn, Kirk Etapa, Dave Rogers, Dominick Lanzito  
A quorum is present

Also, present Michael Murray, Karen Kramer, Ray Wanders, Dawn Arimura, Danielle Castaneda, Mary Crick, Julie Frankino, Krista Valleskey, Geri Kerger.

**Public Comment:**

The board then opened the floor for public comment.  
No public comment

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Diana to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2019 Township MHB meeting.  
Seconded by Kim Cline

**It was agreed to modify the meeting notes to insert the name of Dave Rogers in the second public comment section, as to whom informed Mary Crick that the late application was not being considered.**

Aye: Diana Eckert, Marco Parducci, Kim Cline, Michael McGinn, Kirk Etapa, Dave Rogers  
Dominick Lanzito abstained  
Absent: None  
Motion carries.

**Correspondence (if any to share):**

A motion was made by Kirk Etapa to place on file correspondences received. Seconded by Dominick Lanzito  
Aye: Diana Eckert, Marco Parducci, Dave Rogers, Michael McGinn, Kim Cline, Kirk Etapa, Dominick Lanzito  
Absent: None  
Motion carries.

## **Review of Grant Applications**

### **Grant Presentations:**

ABC – About Behavioral Change – Danielle Castaneda began with a potential amendment to the original grant application if the late application was not going to be considered. She also went through the referral process and how kids are introduced to the supportive psychotherapy process. Targeted mainly at kids ages from 10 to 18 who are falling through the gaps in the system.

Mike McGinn asked how kids are/would be transported to the facility. Most kids are local and from Bloomingdale Township

Dave Rogers asked where their money comes from today – fundraising and people pay themselves.

Bloomingdale Township Youth Services – Dawn Arimura began explaining how the previous grant was spent. They have added staff and for the first time in 20 years have eliminated the wait list for services. They will be expanding the services this year with one therapist at each high school and two middle schools. She explained that the computer systems are more expensive than originally thought so they have delayed the purchase until this grant year. Ray Wanders mentioned that they were \$19,000 below expectations last year.

Dominick Lanzito asked how many were typically on the wait list before – 4 or 5 people plus those who were referred out

Michael McGinn asked how many days therapists spend at the schools – Two days at each school which allows for ~5 clients

Marco Parducci asked if that was in addition to the clients they see at the Bloomingdale Township offices – Yes.

Hamdard – Lee Madigan began by explaining the meaning of the word “Hamdard” (one who has empathy) and how they operate. Their goal is to connect Bloomingdale Township residents to the services that are already available. They are looking to hire 1 FTE driver; 0.4 FTE Nurse/LPN and 0.2 FTE Health Educator. They already have a van for transport.

Dominick Lanzito asked if they would only transport residents of Bloomingdale Township – Yes  
Dave Rogers, Marco Parducci and Mike McGinn all asked about the number of residents currently served and the potential additional residents to be served. Currently ~650 residents with the potential for minimum 200 more.

Marco Parducci asked about their marketing efforts – They do a lot of outreach activities at Libraries, schools, PADs and other agencies.  
Diana Eckert has done a tour of the facility.

ICNA – Muslim Family Services – David Zverow – Was not present

Little City Foundation – Julie Frankino explained that there were three homes in Bloomingdale Township for adults with developmental disabilities. They do get state funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The 5723 Unit Court house in Hanover Park has 6 residents who require some level of aid. The home at 220 Irving Park in Roselle has eight residents who are all senior citizens and require more aid. The residence at 5866 Bradley Ct. in Hanover Park has six residents who require a higher level of aid.

Mike McGinn asked where the people are from originally – She did not know

Kim Cline asked how people are referred to them – There is a waiting list and all are pre-screened through the DHS.

Diana Eckert mentioned she was surprised they have been in Roselle since 1990. There are no issues with neighbors.

Dave Rogers asked if they were at full capacity currently – Yes

NAMI of DuPage – Geri Kerger & Krista Valleskey explained that NAMI delivers education support and advocacy. One program called Ending the Silence has been well received which identifies symptoms of mental illness and how to get help. Another program – Supportive Employment had ten people attend and five were able to gain employment.

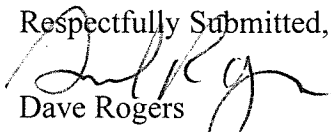
Diana Eckert asked if they got any state funding – No.

The board then opened the floor for public comment.

No public comment

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, Mike McGinn moved to adjourn the meeting. Dominick Lanzito seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Rogers

Mental Health Board Secretary