



Mental Health Committee Meeting Minutes February 7, 2017

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Schaumburg Township Mental Health Committee was called to order by Chair Susan Weisz at 7:00 PM on February 7, 2017. Present were Janet Abri, Jillian Bernas, Diane Dunham, Tom Sucher, Grace Thornton, Joanmarie Wermes, Mary Ann Ogilvie, and Susan Weisz. Carmie Hanley had an excused absence.
- II. Welcome/Introduction of Visitors:** Kathy Stachurska and Mary Cloonan Walsh were welcomed to the meeting. Kathy is interested in becoming an associate member on the committee.
- III. Agency Representative Visit:** Jim Huenick Executive Director, Northwest CASA

Jim gave an informative and engaging talk about the work of Northwest CASA. The agency provides advocacy, crisis and counseling services to victims of sexual assault and their loved ones. The agency also has also given many educational workshops to students including those at Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates High Schools. It was noted that committee member Tom Sucher is now a volunteer for Northwest CASA, and that agency will always welcome more volunteers.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved from three meetings. Joanmarie Wermes moved and Lauren Saternus seconded approval for the November 1st minutes. Lauren moved and Janet Abri seconded approval for the December 6th minutes. Tom Sucher moved and Janet seconded the approval of the January 3rd minutes. All motions were passed.
- V. Correspondence:** Correspondence was circulated for review.
- VI. Review of Agency Bills:** Agency bills were circulated for review.
- VII. Old Business:** Bylaws change proposal

The committee approved to accept the bylaws change proposal that no associate member of the Township Mental Health Committee shall be a paid officer, agent or employee of any agency receiving funds from or thru Schaumburg Township. The change will be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval at their February meeting.
- VIII. New Business:**
 - A. Appointment of Acting Secretary:** Lauren Saternus volunteered to serve as the acting secretary for the committee pending officer elections in April. She is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of member Vicki Osborn.

- B. April and May Meeting Dates: The Committee's April meeting was moved to April 11th, 2017 in order to avoid Election Day. Lauren Saturnus moved and Mary Ann seconded the motion, which passed.
- C. Open Meetings Act Training: Open Meetings Act training documentation is needed from each member, as previous certificates have been lost. If a certificate is not turned in to Lindsay Kaminsky, the training must be done again by each member.
- D. Mental Health Perspectives Upload to Township Website: Tom's PowerPoint presentations are available on the Township's website. They are hosted through a private YouTube channel and include music.
- E. Argosy University Mental Health Awareness Fair: Tom reported to the group about Argosy's mental health fair. He attended the event, which drew about 25 guests.
- F. Minds Matter Planning Committee Report: Mary Ann shared information from the planning committee, including the proposed location of Conant High School. This would include a need for liability insurance. Approval from the Board is needed, and Diane will speak with the trustees and communicate back to our committee. Tom announced the donation of two two-night hotel stays, including meals, from Clarion.

IX. Recommendation of New Committee Member – Grace Thornton: Tom moved, Janet seconded. The motion was passed.

X. Board and Liaison Reports

- A. **Diane Dunham – Board Liaison Report:** The Community Wellness Fair is scheduled for September 13th, 2017 from 2-6pm at the Township building. The new Township administrator, Eric Johnson, started February 1st.
- B. **Carmie Hanley – PHD**
- C. **Joanmarie Wermes – Lutheran Social Services**
- D. **Tom Sucher – SHARE**
- E. **Lauren Saturnus – Northwest CASA**
- F. **Janet Abri – Kenneth Young Center**
- G. **Pending – Salvation Army**

H. Mary Ann Ogilvie – Life Span

- XI. Public Comments:** none
- XII. Committee Member Comments:** Janet and Susan will meet with Kenneth Young staff on February 20th to discuss Minds Matter and Mental Health First Aid training. Aging Care Connections will be holding Mental Health First Aid training. Grace will follow up on this. Portrait Health wants to apply for funding. Janet will communicate with them that they are welcome to apply.
- XIII. Next Meeting Date – March 7, 2017**
- XIV. Adjournment:** Joanmarie motioned to adjourn at 8:32pm. Lauren seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Saternus, Acting Secretary