



# Mental Health Committee

## Minutes

*Tuesday, January 2, 2018 7:00pm  
Room 314, Township Building*

### **I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Susan Weisz.

#### *Committee Members*

Present: Susan Weisz, Marann Ogilvie, Lauren Saternus, Jillian Bernas, Mary Cloonan-Walsh

Absent: Tom Sucher, Joanmarie Wermes

#### *Associate Members*

Absent: Kathy Strachurska

### **II. Welcome/Introduction of Visitors**

The committee welcomed visitors, including committee member applicant Gina Raza and associate member applicant Jonathan Rubin.

### **III. Agency Visit – Life Span**

Amy Fox described services offered by LifeSpan, which focuses on domestic and sexual violence cases. They provide integrated services through both counseling and legal assistance. Counselors may also provide services in school settings as requested by school personnel. LifeSpan has recently received grants which has enabled them to expand their legal services.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes – from 12/05/17**

Motion to approve minutes from December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 committee meeting by Mary Ann Ogilvie, seconded by Jillian Bernas. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **V. Correspondence**

Correspondence was circulated.

### **VI. Review of Agency Bills**

Available bills were circulated.

### **VII. Announcements**

Susan Weisz reported that at the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting during closed session, the recording did not work. Only written minutes were taken. Mary Cloonan-Walsh was welcomed as a new member of the committee. She is completing the term of Grace Thornton.

### **VIII. Old Business**

#### **A. Mental Health Planning Committee Report**

Susan Weisz Chair	Mary Ann Ogilvie Vice Chair	Lauren Saternus Secretary	Jeffrey Mytych Board Liaison
Joanmarie Wermes Member	Tom Sucher Member	Jillian Bernas Member	Mary Cloonan Walsh Member

Mary Ann Ogilvie provided an overview of Minds Matter planning. The event has been approved by the Board of Trustees for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. There will be four speakers, giveaways (no prizes), refreshments, and up to 30 exhibitor tables. Letters to exhibitors will be sent this month, and the committee will make use of social media in advertising.

**B. Committee /Community Speakers**

The committee discussed the possibility of organizing Mental Health First Aid training and agreed to plan this for the fall, in October or early November. The event would be open to Township employees and the public, and participants could be recruited through our agencies as well. Jillian Bernas will reach out to Kenneth Young Center about potential collaboration.

**IX. New Business**

**A. By-law change considerations**

There was discussion about the distinction between members and associate members in the by-laws, in particular requirements for continued membership. New language will be drafted for review at the next meeting.

**X. Recommendation of New Member and Associate Member - Gina Raza and Jonathan Rubin**

**A. Adjournment to Closed Session to discuss the appointment of specific persons to the Mental Health Committee – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**

Motion by Lauren Saternus, seconded by Jillian Bernas, to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:48pm. Motion passed by voice vote.

**B. Reconvene Open Session**

Motion by Lauren Saternus, seconded by Mary Cloonan-Walsh, to go back into Open Session at 7:51pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Maryann Ogilvie, seconded by Jillian Bernas, to establish Jonathan Rubin's associate membership. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Jillian Bernas, seconded by Maryann Ogilvie, to recommend Gina Raza as a full committee member to the Board of Trustees. Motion passed by voice vote.

**XI. Board and Liaison Reports**

**A. Jeffrey Mytych – Board Liaison Report**

Minds Matter was approved, and Mary Cloonan-Walsh was established as a full committee member by the Board.

**B. Joanmarie Wermes – Lutheran Social Services**

**C. Tom Sucher – SHARE**

**D. Lauren Saternus – Northwest CASA**

**E. Jillian Bernas – Kenneth Young Center**

**F. Susan Weisz – Salvation Army**

**G. Mary Ann Ogilvie – Life Span**

**XII. Public Comments – please limit remarks to three minutes**

Greg Hilligos commented that Amy Fox from LifeSpan spoke about legal services provided by the agency and questioned the allocation of funding. He expressed the desire for all mental health committee funds to be allocated to mental health services, such as counseling.

**XIII. Committee Member Comments**

Mary Ann Ogilvie noted that she will review LifeSpan's funding application and inquire about how money is distributed once received.

**XIV. Next Meeting Date** – Tuesday, February 6, 2018, - 7 pm

**XV. Adjournment**

Motion by Mary Ann Ogilvie, seconded by Jillian Bernas, to adjourn at 8:13pm. Motion passed by voice vote.