



Mental Health Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, December 4th, 7:00pm
Room 314, Township Building

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call - Present:** *Members:* Lauren Saternus, MaryAnn Ogilvie, Gina Raza, Joanmarie Wermes, Susan Weisz, Mary Cloonan-Walsh, Jonathan Rubin; *Associate member:* Greg Hilligos; and *Board Liaison:* Katy Trent. **Absent:** *Member:* Jillian Bernas; Board Liaison Nimish Jani.
- II. Welcome/Introduction of Visitors**
- III. Approval of Minutes from 10/2/2018** - MaryAnn Ogilvie requested a word change in the minutes to add “and they were seconded” about the Sept minutes; Susan Weisz noted that she was listed as in attendance in October but she was not here; Joanmarie motioned and MaryAnn seconded approval of the October minutes with the aforementioned updates. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- IV. Correspondence** - None
- V. Review of Agency Bills**
- VI. Announcements** - None, Chair made a reminder: our next Meeting is on Wed, Jan 2nd.
- VII. Old Business**
 - A. Minds Matter (Update, Feedback/Questions, Help Needed) - This is happening via emails between the small groups. They can report back to the larger committee, with any questions, needs, or to share info. MaryAnn noted she procured a ProBono disability attorney (Mr. Robert Farley) as a speaker; Gina noted that she will speak on Stress Management or Sleep; Lauren noted that she can get an Opiod crisis speaker; looking for a fourth as a committee.) Gina, MaryAnn, & Mary as one sub-group; Jonathan & Jillian as another; Lauren is going to confirm other sub-group members
- VIII. New Business**

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- A. Dismissal of Associate Member - MaryAnn moved to dismiss Ms. Kathy Strachurska and Susan Weisz seconded this. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- B. Review of Applications and Funding Recommendations for 2019-20 Fiscal Year - Lauren brought up concerns about LifeSpan's use of MHC funding for legal services versus only being used for Mental Health services. Board liaison asked about how we handle it if a program spends their funding on services outside the purview of Mental health services. The committee discussed LifeSpan's use of funding; Lauren proposed we reduce their funding to \$5000 to only cover Mental Health services and increase our funding to other agencies which report only using the funding for Mental Health services who have also asked for an increase in funding. Specifically, we would increase our funding to fully fund SHARE (currently requesting about \$12,000 more than previously so this would make their total \$50,000) and NWCASA (currently requesting \$250 more than in the past); LSSI and Kenneth Young are requesting the same amounts as previously. That leaves \$4000 left to allocate; Lauren suggests sending that funding to KYC. We will send these suggestions to the township Board, who will decide on this in their April township meeting. **We would like to fully meet the the requests of every agency except Lifespan. We would like to fund Lifespan at the minimal amount which is either \$5000 or \$8000; due to their projected numbers and that our funds go to mental health services. We would like to allocate the remaining funding (\$4010 or \$1010) to KYC.** Jonathan motioned to approve this and Joanmarie seconded this. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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C. Resource Guide - Lauren noted that MHCs in other areas have lists of resources that they can offer. MaryAnn suggested listing options within a certain distance of Schaumburg given that not every service is available in every area. We could put this on our website, we could offer fliers at MindMatters, and we could distribute it to places like the library, police department, hospitals, etc. We will look online/contact local agencies (e.g., Hanover Park MHC; NAMI; our agencies) to see if they already have resource lists that we can just link to on our website. Members bring lists they found from other agencies to next sessions as needed.

D. Committee Budget - Lauren reminded committee: we will discuss this in January

IX. Board and Liaison Reports

- A. Nimish Jani - Board Liaison Report
- B. Joanmarie Wermes - Lutheran Social Services
- C. Mary Cloonan-Walsh - SHARE
- D. Jonathan Rubin - Northwest CASA
- E. Susan Weisz - Kenneth Young Center
- F. Gina Raza - Life Span

X. Public Comments - none

XI. Committee Member Comments - MaryAnn asked if we will have another Mental Health First Aid; we are not sure if there is funding from the group again but feel it is worth it to host annually if possible. Tabled to discuss again in February and see if we can host in the fall.

XII. Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019

XIII. Adjournment - Gina Raza motioned to adjourn, and MaryAnn Ogilvie seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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