

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 18, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Lyons Township Community Room, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Anthony Przeklasa.

President Anthony Przeklasa asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Anthony Przeklasa, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Hon. Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, Al Dorobiala, William Seith, Nicholas Kantas, and Steve Palmer.

Commissioner(s) Absent: None

Staff Present: Ron Melka, Executive Director; and Jazmin Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Agency Director(s) Present: Alan Morales, The LeaderShop; Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health; and Diane Farina White, Community Support Services; Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand; Tina Rounds, Beds Plus Care, Inc.

Guest(s) Present: Vlado Vranjes, Del Galdo Law Group (via Teleconference).

[Steve Palmer entered meeting at 6:12 PM]

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 21, 2022 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Kantas and seconded by Seith to approve the Amended Minutes of March 21, 2022 to show Russell Hartigan had called into the meeting. Roll Call: Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Russell Hartigan, and Sophia Mallis. Ayes: Unanimous. Abstain: Mike Porfirio. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Amended Minutes were approved.

[Beds Plus Care, Inc.'s Executive Director Tina Rounds was not yet present to give the agency presentation.]

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ron referred to his written report found in the meeting packet. Ron reported that he has several upcoming site visits, starting tomorrow. He will prepare his recommendations on the grant awards at the Board Meeting on May 16.

On April 12, he and Anthony Przeklasa met with Greg Lee, Angela Curran, Argo High School Superintendent William Toullos and his staff to discuss the behavioral needs of the students there and how we can provide assistance.

Ron reported that Jazmin Lopez has represented the Commission at the Illinois Department of Public Health's May Mental Health and Trauma Awareness Campaign planning since March 1 and has created a video on mental health that will be shared in May.

Ron requested the names of the Commissioners who are attending the upcoming galas and agency fundraisers so that she can send your RSVP to the agencies.

Jazmin listed the upcoming events, ticket information and took down the RSVPs from the Commissioners. William Seith and his wife will attend Helping Hand's event and offered to purchase their tickets - Hon. Russell Hartigan and his wife will take the complimentary tickets. Sophia Mallis, Ronald Melka and Steve Palmer advised that they will attend The LeaderShop's Party 4 Youth event. Sophia Mallis will contact us to confirm whether or not she is attending NAMI Metro Suburban's Gala on May 14.

### **AGENCY REPORTS:**

**Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand** reported that they presented to the Police Chief on what Helping Hand does. They are creating a campaign to advertise their services to areas that may not know about them. He reported that their annual gala is April 29. Their mission moment was when they met with five families and one of the mothers of their client was emotional and expressed how connected she has felt in the last few years. They also had an autism awareness evening that they wish they could have advertised a little more.

**Alan Morales, Executive Director of The LeaderShop** reported that they are excited for their Party 4 Youth event taking place on Friday, April 29 at The Stadium Club in McCook. The youth that participated in their presentation to the Commission last month will be speaking at the fundraiser event.

**Angela Curran, President/CEO of Pillars Community Health** thanked those who attended their Century Celebration. She reported that they will have a new Chief Medical Officer and a new Chief Behavioral Health Officer Dr. Jennifer Swoyer. They have been able to hire nine new clinicians, but they had to put a hold as they cannot hire non-licensed supervisors due to the high salaries they are demanding. They are moving their administrative office which will still be in Lyons Township.

**Diane Farina White, President and CEO of Community Support Services** reported that April 14, 2023 is their annual event next year. Their event a couple of weeks ago was very successful and they had almost as many attend as they did in 2019. They have a fundraiser at Fourteen Sixteen in LaGrange this week and no RSVP is required. She contracted a clinical LCSW to supervise her clinical staff while they meet their license requirements.

### **BEDS PLUS CARE, INC.'S PRESENTATION:**

Executive Director Tina Rounds arrived and was able to give her presentation as part of the agency reports. She gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for Beds Plus Care, Inc.'s presentation and impact on our community.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Agency Grant Applications**

Ron Melka reported that agency grant applications have been received by the agencies and the Meeting of the Whole will take place on May 9 at 6 p.m. to make recommendations on the grant funding and the comprehensive budget. Those will be presented at our May board meeting.

### **Update on Certificates of Deposits held at First Midwest Bank**

Ron Melka reported that he renewed the Certificate of Deposit at First Midwest Bank on April 2, 2022 for 365 days – until April 3, 2023 at .150%.

### **Statements of Economic Interest**

Ron Melka reported that the deadline to file the ethics statement is May 1.

### **Legal Representation by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC.**

A **MOTION** was made by Porfirio, seconded by Mallis to approve the letter of engagement with Del Galdo Law Group, LLC. Roll Call: Ayes: Mike Porfirio, Sophia Mallis, Steve Palmer, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Russell Hartigan. Nays: None. Abstain: Nicholas Kantas. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Letter of Engagement with CPA Mary Demonte**

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer, seconded by Seith to approve the letter of engagement with CPA Mary Demonte. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Palmer, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Sophia Mallis, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, Russell Hartigan. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

### **TREASURER’S REPORTS:**

Treasurer Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report for as follows:

Beginning Balance as of February 28, 2021:	\$1,836,926.51
Receipts during March 2022:	\$1,435,674.87
Disbursements during March 2022:	\$ 322,119.05
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2022:	\$2,950,482.33

A **MOTION** was made by Seith, seconded by Palmer to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated April 18, 2022, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: William Seith, Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Russell Hartigan, and Nicholas Kantas. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Sophia Mallis presented the list of Twenty-Seven (27) Payables totaling \$340,904.70 dated April 18, 2022.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Clemons to approve the Monthly Payable dated March 21, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Palmer, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Hartigan and seconded by Seith at 7:28 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Meeting was adjourned.

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Anthony Przeklasa, PhD  
Commission President

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Russell W. Hartigan  
Secretary