

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 28, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Lyons Township Community Room, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Anthony Przeklasa.

President Anthony Przeklasa asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, Hon. Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, Al Dorobiala. and Nicholas Kantas.

Commissioner(s) on Zoom: William Seith.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; and Steve Palmer

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

Agency Director(s) Present: Alan Morales, The LeaderShop; Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health; Kimberly Knake, NAMI Metro Suburban.

Agency Director(s) on Zoom: William Dwyer, Helping Hand; Diane Farina White, Community Support Services; Desiree Scully, Aging Care Connections.

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

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Kantas to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda is approved.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 24, 2022 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Hartigan and seconded by Mallis to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2022 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

**NAMI METRO SUBURBAN PRESENTATION:**

Kimberly Knake, Executive Director of NAMI Metro Suburban gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for NAMI Metro Suburban's presentation and impact on our community.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ron referred to his written report found in the meeting packet. Ron reported that all agencies submitted their Second Quarter Report ending December 31, 2021. The reports show a total of 3,404 Lyons Township Residents received 41,563 units of service – a 60% increase in number of clients and 115% increase in units of service compared to the same quarter of FY2021. The agencies have all received their FY2023 Grant applications, which are due to the LTMHC office

by March 31. Ron met with the Agency Advisory Council on February 15 to go over the application process and talk about some fundraisers. Pillars Community Health is having their annual fundraiser on April 8 at the Butterfield Country Club, Community Support Services is also having their annual fundraiser on April 8 at the Hyatt Lodge; The LeaderShop's Party4Youth is April 29 at The Stadium Club at the Max and LaGrange Rock's will be June 10; NAMI's Gala is May 14 at the Century Club in Oak Park; Aging Care Connection's Sports Ball is September 9; and CITCE will have their gala on September 23 at Bobak's in Woodridge.

### **AGENCY REPORTS:**

**Alan Morales, Executive Director of The LeaderShop** reported that programming is doing great and his only concern is how the mask requirement changes will affect programming and participants. He is going to ask his staff to continue to wear masks. Alan provided an updated on the racist behavior taking place at LTHS, and how the masks mandate is affecting youth.

**Angela Curran, President/CEO of Pillars Community Health** reported that their mask mandate stayed in place because they are a health center and provide congregate living. They are distributing N95 masks to community partners. Staff recruitment is opening up and they made substantial increase in wages in an effort to close the big gap in staffing behavioral health clinicians.

**William Dwyer, President/CEO of Helping Hand** reported that their gala is April 29 at The Hyatt in Oakbrook. Their art event was a success and had about 150 attendees at their in-person event. Last month they hired a Licensed Social Worker to provide counseling to their clients for free.

[Mike Porfirio entered meeting in person at 6:54pm]

**Diane Farina White, President and CEO of Community Support Services** reported that their annual event is April 8 at the Hyatt Lodge and she will forward Ron additional information regarding their event.

**Desiree Scully, Executive Director of Aging Care Connections** reported that Adult Protective Services is back to normal reporting which is at 42 cases – 20 of which were Lyons Township residents. Out of the five Townships they serve, 50% are Lyons Township residents.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **2021 Levy**

President Przeklasa reported that the 2021 Levy for Mental Health has decreased. 2020's Tax Levy was \$3,715,600.00 and 2021's Levy is \$3,680,600.00 – a \$35,000 difference.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Statement of Economic Interest**

Ron reported that the Statement of Economic Interest will be sent via electronic mail next month to each of the Commissioners.

#### **Pillars Community Health Request for Reallocation of Funds**

President Przeklasa reported that Pillars Community Health has withdrawn their request for reallocation of funds. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Commissions to have a procedure for the return of unused grant funds. Przeklasa instructed Executive Director Ron Melka

to work with Commission Attorney Vlado Vranjes on developing a procedure to have unused grant funds returned to the Commission.

[William Seith entered the meeting via Zoom at 7:14pm]

**TREASURER’S REPORTS:**

Treasurer Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report for as follows:

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2021:	\$1,904,345.45
Receipts during January 2022:	\$ 73,348.20
Disbursements during January 2022:	\$ 333,038.74
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2022:	\$1,644,654.91

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala, seconded by Mallis to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated February 28, 2022, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Al Dorobiala, Sophia Mallis, Anthony Przeklasa, Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, and William Seith. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Sophia Mallis presented the list of Thirty-Four (24) Payables totaling \$331,600.69 dated February 28, 2022.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Kantas to approve the Monthly Payable dated February 28, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Sophia Mallis, Nicholas Kantas, Anthony Przeklasa, Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, Al Dorobiala, and William Seith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Hartigan and seconded by Kantas at 7:26 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