

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 27, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Lyons Township Community Room, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Anthony Przeklasa.

President Anthony Przeklasa asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Anthony Przeklasa, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, and Al Dorobiala.

Commissioner(s) on Phone: Mike Porfirio and William Seith.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Hon. Russell W. Hartigan, Nicholas Kantas, and Steve Palmer.

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

Agency Director(s) Present: Alan Morales, The LeaderShop; Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand; Desiree Scully, Aging Care Connections; Patricia Herbst, Center for Independence Through Conductive Education.

Guest(s) Present: Vlado Vranjes, Del Galdo Law Group; Ani Hunt, Social Worker, Center for Independence Through Conductive Education.

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Agenda. Roll Call: Sophia Mallis, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Mike Porfirio, and William Seith. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 16, 2022 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Clemons to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2022. Roll Call: Sophia Mallis, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Mike Porfirio, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

**CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE THROUGH CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION'S PRESENTATION:**

Executive Director Patricia Herbst and Social Worker Ani Hunt gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for the Center for Independence Through Conductive Education's presentation and impact on our community.

**AGENCY REPORTS:**

**Desiree Scully, Aging Care Connections** reported that with COVID cases rising, several seniors were a little worried about attending in person events. They did have about a great

turnout at their senior luncheon. The number of Adult Protective Services reports were very low last month, but two months prior the numbers were back to normal. They did a newsletter on Adult Protective Services and email blast to spread awareness.

**Alan Morales, The LeaderShop** reported that their Camp LeaderShop Program is in full swing. They are surpassing their enrollment capacity. Alan thanked Executive Director Ron and Commissioner Mallis for attending their volunteer recognition event. The LeaderShop recognized their Board Member Sergio Rodriguez for his outstanding service and commitment to the organization. They are searching for a part-time bookkeeper to hire. The 5K did not have the attendance as years past, but they surpassed their fundraising goal.

**Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand** reported that they have their golf outing in August. They had a Music and Potluck event and about fifty people showed up. They completed their CARF review in which Ron Melka participated. They had three suggestions out of a thousand regulations. No corrective actions. They bought the first of five homes they are buying; due to the surplus they have had in the last several years. They will be independent living homes. Bill shared a story about his client who was ill, and although his family said he was fine, staff insisted he was not well and took him to the hospital and in doing so, prevented a heart attack.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ron referred to his written report found in the meeting packet. Ron reported that the Agencies submitted their Third Quarter Reports and 65,075 units of service were provided to 3,244 Lyons Township residents. That is a 145% increase in units and a 57% increase in residents served from that quarter a year ago. A Memorandum of Understanding between Pillars and The LeaderShop was executed for the agencies to use some of the federal funds for the The LeaderShop's coalition activities. Ron met with Pillars and Dr. Toulou's regarding the services that will be put in place to support the Argo Community High School students.

#### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Annual Election of Officers

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Clemons to re-elect the current Officers for FY2023. The Officer positions are as follows:

Anthony Przeklasa, President  
Jeffrey Clemons, Vice President  
Sophia Mallis, Treasurer  
Russell Hartigan, Secretary  
Mike Porfirio, Commissioner  
Nicholas Kantas, Commissioner  
William Seith, Commissioner  
Al Dorobiala, Commissioner  
Steve Palmer, Commissioner

Roll Call: Al Dorobiala, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, and William Seith.  
Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Approval of Resolution No. 2022-02 Annual Ratification

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Mallis to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 Annual Ratification as presented. Roll Call: Al Dorobiala, Sophia Mallis, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Mike Porfirio, and William Seith. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Approval of Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd.'s Audit Engagement Letter

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Dorobiala to approve Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd.'s audit engagement letter as presented. Roll Call: Jeffrey Clemons, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, and William Seith. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

Treasurer Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report for as follows:

Beginning Balance as of April 30, 2022:	\$2,891,250.24
Receipts during May 2022:	\$ 146,329.13
Disbursements during May 2022:	\$ 323,584.33
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2022:	\$2,713,995.04

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis, seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated June 27, 2022, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Sophia Mallis, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Mike Porfirio, and William Seith. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Sophia Mallis presented the list of Twenty-Seven (27) Payables totaling \$334,628.04 dated June 27, 2022.

Sophia Mallis presented the list of Twenty-One (21) Payables totaling \$329,803.04 dated July 18, 2022.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Clemons to approve the Monthly Payables dated June 27, 2022 and July 18, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Sophia Mallis, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Mike Porfirio, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Clemons at 7:08 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