

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 21, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, March 21, 2022 at the Lyons Township Community Room, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Anthony Przeklasa.

President Anthony Przeklasa asked for the Roll Call.

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

Commissioner(s) on Zoom: William Seith; and Nicholas Kantas.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Hon. Russell Hartigan

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.

Agency Director(s) on Zoom: None.

Guest(s) Present: Melissa McKay, Helping Hand; Cathy Pierson, The LeaderShop; Sarah Carr, The LeaderShop; Paxton Cutler, Brecken Cutler, Bea Keenan and Melody Ramirez, The LeaderShop youth.

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Mallis to approve an Amended Agenda. Palmer withdrew his Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda. A Motion was made by Palmer and Seconded by Mallis to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Steve Palmer, Sophia Mallis, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, Al Dorobiala, 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 February 28, 2022 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, and William Seith. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

**THE LEADERSHOP PRESENTATION:**

Executive Director Alan Morales, Program Manager Sarah Carr, and Director of Operations Cathy Pierson of The LeaderShop, along with their program participants gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for The LeaderShop's presentation and impact on our community.

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

Ron referred to his written report found in the meeting packet. Ron listed the upcoming agency annual fundraisers, and instructed Commissioners to contact him if interested in attending and representing the organization. Ron reported that he trained 7 firefighters and EMTs at a Mental Health First Aid training event. He received financial guidelines several mental health boards and he will prepare his recommendations and present to the board.

### **AGENCY REPORTS:**

**Alan Morales, Executive Director of The LeaderShop** reported that one of his program manager had to take another job based on an increase in compensation. They currently have a position open; Cathy Pierson has done a great job taking on the responsibilities until the position is filled. Their Party4Youth event is taking place on April 29.

**Diane Farina White, President and CEO of Community Support Services** requested names of attendees to their annual event on April 8. She is excited and optimistic about the event and the turnout. CSS submitted a grant for three state respite grants, about \$700,000.00. They just hired a VP of Programs and they are excited she joined the agency. She is looking to hire a part-time LCSW to supervise some staff as they complete their clinical hours.

**Angela Curran, President/CEO of Pillars Community Health** reported that the Governor announced that he named a Behavioral Health Officer and an initiative to coordinate with all the state agencies around youth mental health and children with developmental disabilities. This is drug fact week, and the Coalition is bringing awareness via Facebook. They received a \$750,000.00 grant from Representative Jim Durkin to renovate their women's shelter. They have two part-time psychiatry providers and two full-time psychiatry nurse practitioners, and they are at capacity - currently have 150 people on their waitlist. They are exploring a telepsychiatry service provider, but they need to do a cost and revenue analysis.

**Melissa McKay, Helping Hand** reported that one their artists that participated in the Gallery Night was asked to submit a piece to The Arc of Illinois. Another client wanted to do a presentation on how HH has impacted his life and he presented in school. Their gala is April 29 at the Hyatt Lodge.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Agency Grant Applications**

Ron Melka reported that agency grant applications have been sent to agency directors and completed applications are due March 31, 2022. The Committee of the Whole will meet on May 9 at 6 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Pillars Community Health's Century Celebration**

Executive Director Ron Melka, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons and his wife indicated they wished to attend the April 8<sup>th</sup> event.

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala, seconded by Mallis to purchase gala tickets to Pillars Community Health's Century Celebration. Roll Call: Ayes: Al Dorobiala, Sophia Mallis, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Steve Palmer. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

## **First Midwest Bank Certificate of Deposit**

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer, seconded by Dorobiala that the First Midwest Bank Certificate of Deposit is rolled over on April 2, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Palmer, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, and William Seith. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

President Przeklasa reported that Del Galdo Law Group, LLC. have terminated representation. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Commission that Ron Melka contact attorney Michael Del Glado and request they continue services and submit a proposal with new attorney rates.

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

Treasurer Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report for as follows:

Beginning Balance as of January 31, 2021:	\$1,644,654.91
Receipts during February 2022:	\$ 523,893.24
Disbursements during February 2022:	\$ 331,621.64
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2022:	\$1,836,926.51

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

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

Sophia Mallis presented the list of Twenty-Two (22) Payables totaling \$322,245.80 dated March 21, 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 Porfirio and seconded by Mallis at 8:12 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