

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, October 17, 2022 at Helping Hand, 9649 W. 55th Street, 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, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, Al Dorobiala, William Seith.

Commissioner(s) on Phone: Hon. Russell W. Hartigan

Commissioner(s) Absent: 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; and Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health.

Guest(s) Present: Terrence Casey, Del Galdo Law Group; Melissa MacKay, Vice President of Programs; Angelina Smith, Science Lab Instructor, Helping Hand; Marcela Marquez-Sanders, Helping Hand; two families of Helping Hand clients; and three Helping Hand clients.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 19, 2022 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Kantas to approve the Minutes of September 19, 2022. Roll Call: Al Dorobiala, Nicholas Kantas, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Judge Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, and William Seith. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

HELPING HAND PRESENTATION:

Marcela Marquez-Sanders, Angelina Smith, Bill Dwyer and their clients gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for Helping Hand'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 he and the Commission have attended a number of events. He presented at Moraine Valley Community College on Community Mental Health Boards and how they work with NAMI and agencies. The two-day event was attended by about 250 people. Drug Take Back Day is October 29, where the

volunteers for the Coalition will be at in La Grange and on the same day, they will also be at the Bridgeview of Lions Club's Trunk or Treat. He will be training Police on November 2nd and February 21st for Mental Health First Aid. We budgeted for Grant Management Software this year for our agencies to submit their applications and reports. We received proposals from a couple of agencies and will prepare a report with a decision. He testified before the Illinois House's Mental Health Work Group chaired by Rep. Deb Conroy, on how Community Mental Health Commissions operate and provide services. There are over ten Referendums being put together to form new Community Mental Health Boards in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Angela Curran, Pillars Community Health reported that their Senior Vice President of Domestic and Sexual Violence Pat Murphy has passed away. Her passing is leaving a huge hole in the organization on many levels. On October 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., they will hold their 9th Annual Silent Witness/Survivor Speakout at First United Methodist Church of La Grange, 100 W. Cossitt Avenue.

[Hon. Russell Hartigan left the Meeting at approx. 6:40 p.m.]

Last week they found out that their project submitted along with Loyola Medicine was approved and it is a 5 million grant over the next five years. They are continuing to work with NAMI with the launch of the teen living room project and plan on opening in January 2023. They have a teen advisory group that will name this location.

Alan Morales, The LeaderShop reported that some of the positions he filled last month are now vacant again. They are searching for a part-time accounting administrative assistant with non-profit and grant experience.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons, seconded by Kantas to approve the Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023 as presented. Roll Call: Jeffrey Clemons, Nicholas Kantas, Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, and Al Dorobiala, 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 August 31, 2022:	\$1,851,162.03
Receipts during September 2022:	\$ 2,205.98
Disbursements during September 2022:	\$ 344,254.03
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2022:	\$1,509,113.98

A **MOTION** was made by Seith, seconded by Mallis to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated October 17, 2022, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: William Seith, Sophia Mallis, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, and Al Dorobiala. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

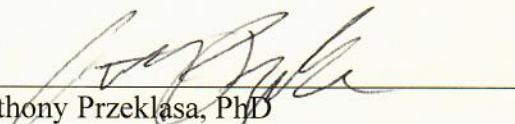
Sophia Mallis presented the list of Twenty-Seven (27) Payables totaling \$334,740.21 dated October 17, 2022.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Clemons to approve the Monthly Payables dated October 17, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Sophia Mallis, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

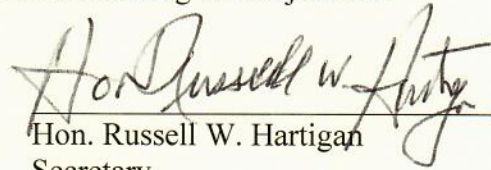
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Kantas and seconded by Porfirio at 7:17 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Meeting was adjourned.



Anthony Przeklasa, PhD
Commission President



Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary