

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at the Lyons Township Community Room, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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, and Al Dorobiala.

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

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 Diane Farina White, Community Support Services.

Guest(s) Present: Vlado Vranjes, Del Galdo Law Group; Ellen Kunkle, Pillars Community Health; Colleen Pelikant, Director of Social Services, Aging Care Connections; Elizabeth Rivera, Adult Protective Services Supervisor, Aging Care Connections; Sharlyn Pech, Caregiver Specialist, Aging Care Connections; and Renata Vitali, Outreach and Education Specialist.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 27, 2022 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2022. Roll Call: William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, and Nicholas Kantas. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS' PRESENTATION:

Social Services Director Colleen Pelikant, Elizabeth Rivera, Sharlyn Pech, and Renata Vitali gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for Aging Care Connections' 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 FY22 Fourth Quarter and their End of Year Service and Financial Reports. The reports show that a total of 3,333 Lyons Township residents received 38,413 units of service – a 43% increase in the number of people served in the same quarter in FY21. The Annual Report shows that 397,840 units of service were provided to 6,585 Lyons Township residents – a 28% increase in the number of people served compared to FY21.

There have been a number of events that have occurred and coming up:

- September 18: Kiwanis Club of LaGrange's Disc Golf;
- September 23: Aging Care Connections; Sports Ball;
- October 15: Brewmoon
- October 23-31 National Red Ribbon Week

The Township donated office chairs to Pillars for their new office space. We purchased a Meeting Owl and a portable projector. (We are examining grant management software from various vendors as we had budgeted).

AGENCY REPORTS:

Alan Morales, The LeaderShop reported that program participants amongst their high school program is low due to COVID. They had several staff members resign from their positions within weeks from each other and they used this opportunity to restructure the organization. They have hired new staff and all positions have been filled.

Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand reported that they attended Indians Springs School District 109's Back to School Bash, which is an area of the Township that they are hoping to do more outreach in. They had their art event, which was successful. They have people who want to rent the space and donors who want to put in a commercial kitchen. They had a successful summer with their high school participants. They hired an agency to prepare their strategic plan, which is a 6–9-month process.

Diane Farina White, Community Support Services reported that their event at The Elm was a success. Russell Hartigan, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, and Ron Melka attended. They had their mid-cycle site visit from CQL, their accreditation entity. They will continue to be accredited until March of 2023. They had their Family Satisfaction Survey, and they came in at 95% satisfaction. They also hired an agency to do their strategic plan, however, it is pro bono. Their HR Director is relocating to California and they are actively searching for someone to fill that position.

Ellen Kunkle, Pillars Community Health reported that they had a busy summer, but also faced the same challenges as other agencies with retaining staff. They are still at hybrid work model due to COVID. They are pushing on education around mental health issues. They are working closely with NAMI to prepare for their teen living room in Brookfield. They are getting youth feedback as far as the name goes, and are excited to have this service in the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will have our annual holiday party at Fourteen Sixteen in December. You should have already received a Save the Date email and will receive a formal invitation in the mail as the date approaches.

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Treasurer Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report for as follows:

Beginning Balance as of July 31, 2022:	\$2,186,223.41
Receipts during August 2022:	\$ 14,157.46
Disbursements during August 2022:	\$ 349,218.84
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2022:	\$1,851,162.03

A **MOTION** was made by Hartigan, seconded by Clemons to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated September 19, 2022, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Russell Hartigan, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

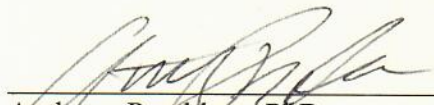
Sophia Mallis presented the list of Twenty-Seven (27) Payables totaling \$344,233.08 dated September 19, 2022.

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Clemons to approve the Monthly Payables dated September 19, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Sophia Mallis, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Nays: None. Motion carried.

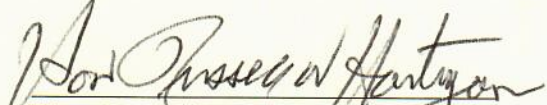
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Porfirio and seconded by Clemons at 7:25 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Meeting was adjourned.



 Anthony Przeklasa, PhD
 Commission President



 Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
 Secretary