

YORK TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

Held in the Auditorium of the York Township Offices, 1502 S. Meyers Road, Lombard, Illinois.

Roll Call: Attorney Ken Florey asked Nadia to take roll call. Chassy Datoli, Michael Ledonne, Jill Mueller, Linda Munson, Carmen Olmetti, Carol Scinto and Rae Rupp Srch. Also present is legal counsel Ken Florey.

Micheal Ledonne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers: Rae Rupp Srch motioned Michael Ledonne for President, Carol Scinto for Vice President and Chassy Datoli for Secretary, seconded by Jill Mueller. Ayes: Datoli, Ledonne, Mueller, Munson, Olmetti, Scinto and Rupp Srch.

President Michael Ledonne asked the board members to introduce themselves and their backgrounds.

Carmen Olmetti: He knows about budgets he was a degree from Northwestern in marketing. He has been on the Proviso Mental Health Commission. He has family that has had some issues.

Linda Munson: She was a Senior Administrator for the DuPage Mental Health Department for 23 years and has seen firsthand the diseases.

Carol Scinto: She had a daughter that was hit by a car when she was 7 and as she grew they realized that she had learning disabilities. She was part of the DuPage County Health Department. She formed a group and called it Alliance for Mentally Ill and later they joined National Alliance for Mentally Ill (N.A.M.I.)

Ken Florey: He is the township attorney for this meeting.

Rae Rupp Srch: She has been on the York Township board for 2 terms. She had a child with special needs. Tri Town YMCA, Easter Seals and Kiwanis organizations she has been part of the boards for many years.

Jill Mueller: Special Educator her whole career, all sorts of disabilities and all ages.

Chassy Datoli: She is a licensed professional counselor and has a Bachelor and Master degree. She has counseled adolescence, geriatrics and support groups for mothers.

The Board is comprised of all volunteers. President Ledonne thanked the volunteers and stated that everyone should be patient and things will be done methodically. He also stated to all in attendance that he will not tolerate anyone being rude, keep it civil.

Public Comments:

Mike Murray stated that he is part of the Bloomingdale Mental Health Authority. He handed the board members some informational handouts. He stated that there are approximately 90 mental health boards and they have meetings four times a year. There is going to be a spring gathering and suggested that the board members attend.

Kevin Lattner thanked the board for volunteering to be on this committee. He knows this board will make a difference in York Township.

Cathy Ficker Terrill excited about this board finally being formed. She also stated that there should be 9 members in total, currently the board is comprised of 7.

Steve DeLarosa thanked everyone for volunteering. Complained about the microphones. He asked the board how many of them circulated the petition to get this board going. And Attorney Florey stated that the public comment section is just that public comment and the board doesn't answer questions.

Gillian Taylor has a counselor degree and deals with single moms and mothers of color. And thanked the board in advance of helping her clients in the future.

President Ledonne went briefly through the Policies Manual for the York Township Community Mental Health Board. He also said that the Board's Fiscal year should be from April 1st through March 31st as is York Township's Fiscal Year.

Community Needs Assessment:

Attorney Florey discussed the legal requirements for the board. Identifying the gaps in the community, taking surveys of local groups, schools, villages to find out the needs of the community members.

Budget and Financing:

Create a levy to pay for items. First levy would be funds from the York Township Board.

Future Meeting Dates:

President Ledonne asked the board members if quarterly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. would work for them. They all said at this point it would work.

Rae Rupp Srch motioned that there should be quarterly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Jill Mueller. Ayes, Datoli, Mueller, Munson, Olmetti, Scinto, Rupp Srch and Ledonne.

Motion made by Rupp Srch to adjourn until the next meeting on April 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Mueller. Ayes, Datoli, Mueller, Munson, Olmetti, Scinto, Rupp Srch and Ledonne.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadia Hajduk
York Township