

**APPROVAL OF
YORK TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 17th, 2025, 6:00PM**

Held in the auditorium of York Township Offices, 1502 S. Meyers Rd. Lombard IL 60148

Meeting Called to Order: Michael Ledonne

Time: 6:01PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Chassy Datoli

Roll Call: Chassy Datoli

Chassy Datoli: Present

Michael Ledonne: Present

Jill Mueller: Present

Jim Danielson: Present

Carmon Olmetti: Present (Remote)

Carol Scinto: Present

Al Rage: Present (Remote)

Public Comment: None

Approval of Remote Trustee Participation

Michael Ledonne asked for a motion.

Motion one by Jill Mueller, motion seconded by Jim Danielson.

Motion passes by all board members present.

Approval of Minutes from October 14th, 2025

Moved by Carol Scinto, seconded by Jim Danielson.

Motion passes by all board members present.

President Report:

Appreciation and thanks that Al is doing well. On Feb 5th supervisor Murray went to a round table at the county with chair Conroy and other members of the 708 boards of the area.

Impact DuPage presented about their mission and vision; brochure was provided to the board. Interesting stats of metal health, reading and presentation.

Jill Mueller asked if Impact DuPage also include the group of those with mental disabilities.

Michael Ledonne responded: mostly mental health and substance abuse, goes into detail on page 6 of the slideshow packet- goes into what they cover. Also in the meeting there are conversations about creating a common application for the county. The next meeting we will discuss the processing of grant application. Other counties use a software called Foundant, ie, Serenti House uses this application with this software. We will likely be investing in this software, it's about \$5000 annually. Talks about getting a rate for all townships to use Foundant. Electronic form will make it easier for those to apply and members of the board can access the applications and help make decisions.

Al Rago- Other boards talking about share license for Foundant with other counties. Many are using it and those who haven't are considering it.

Jill Mueller inquires about the time it takes to get onboarded. Al Rago replied that he is unsure of those details and the timeline. Michael Ledonne informs the board that it will take about 6 weeks for onboarding and learning curve, it takes time but is fairly intuitive and members from other boards can help us out.

Jim Danielson asks: Can we see if the same applicants are applying to multiple boards? Al Rago responds that, yes, and when it is the common app we can see. We will then have a higher level of awareness of what people are asking for.

Michael Ledonne states the last piece of business is change to the budget. In the past it had to be approved by the York township trustees, and now the trustees serve as advisory. Our levy has been approved and we are ready to get to work. We have a lot of work to do between now and the new application year.

A. Discussion of Assessment RFP:

We are being asked to hold off the vote as York township is assessing the public, and that may or may not include a mental health assessment.

Al Rago states that it is part of the assessment. Strategic plan was made, needs assessment includes needs assessment of the community mental health board as well. Al stated that we do not need to vote on the RFP- it will be taken care of in the York township. Michael Ledonne says we need to approve that within our board- we need to see what that needs assessment looks like and vote on it before 708 decides we do not need our RFP. Al Rago stated that according to open meetings act, we cannot vote on new business items until the public has prior notice of matters to be decided. Michael Stated that the agenda was published 48 hours ago, therefore the public was able to see the agenda.

*We will take vote on the new business and take this under advisement.

B. Transportation plan for York township.

According to Murray, there is a need for transportation. Issue is: when police officers are taking people in crisis to the CRC, they have to stay with the individual for about 3 hours. Can we solve the gap with transportation. Michael suggested coordinating with Superior Ambulance to assist police officers; EMT's would transport and stay until released or take the individual to the next point of care. Chassy Datoli discussed the importance of safety and the need for appropriate transport for individuals with acute mental health issues. Al Rago stated that the CRC has been noticing a gap in transportation. Request would come to 708 board to help fund.

Members present in agreement that this is a good idea for the patients safety, this is an issue that we want to pursue and will discuss at the next meeting.

C. Discussion of 2026 Grant Calendar, timing and process

After consulting with Milton County, borrowed their calendar and gives us enough time to: integrate new software, delegate assignments to board members, get staff ready, to get things going. July 1st- open applications (hopefully electronically) and close on August 14th.

August 26th- 6 week application review process (how many weeks Milton county takes)

October 13th We will announce the grant awardees

November 2026 first round of funding disbursements (Milton County gives two disbursements of \$20,000; our board can decide how we want to proceed). We will have our levy funded and will know how much we have given and what is left to give.

Al Rago commented that we cannot publish until we approve it. Still has concern to vote to approve something that is considered new business.

D. Approval of contract Board Attorney

There were two proposals. Michael Ledonne recommends that we move forward with proposal number one. He stated that we need an attorney to help with our grant proposals. At \$1000 flat fee, this already fits what we budgeted for (\$12,000) year.

Al Rago disagrees with using this law firm as they do not align with this administration's values. Al asked to consider additional bids from other law firms.

Chassy asked for him to give other law firms to reach out to. Al said there are many and at least three attorney's that have experience with mental health.

Jill asks if we can ask other 708's who they use for law firms. She voices concern for the additional \$280 for special projects, which would send us over the budget. Michael says we will not have any special projects. Jill thinks that showing the public that we are looking at other firms to do our due diligence.

Carmen Olmetti says he is sympathetic to what happened to the township with the firm.

We don't know the full fact of the record. Board members cannot object on the same grounds because we do not know the details.

Jim- to Carmen's point we do not have all the facts. We can't use what happened to the township into consideration with our decision. We can get another bid and see where it falls, however this falls within our budget, wonders who else will fall within the budget.

Al Rago stated that he is happy to provide other law firm names.

Motion to approve: Jim 1st to approve and put into a vote Carol 2nd the motion

Chassy Datoli: Yes

Michael Ledonne: Yes

Jill Mueller: No

Jim Danielson: Yes

Carmen Olmetti: Yes

Al Rago: No

Carol Scinto: Yes

Approval of 2026 Grant calendar

Chassy Datoli: Yes

Michael Ledonne: Yes

Jill Mueller: Yes

Jim Danielson: Yes

Carmen Olmetti: Yes

Al Rago: Abstained

Carol Scinto: Yes

Approval for special meeting March 10 2026 6PM

All members voted yes

Old business: None at this time.

Adjournment: President Michael Ledonne called for motion to adjourn.

Motion one by Jill Mueller, motion two Carol Scinto.

Motion passed by all members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chassy Datoli