



MEETING MINUTES

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Thursday, October 12, 2017 7:00 PM
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, room G300

Mental Health Board

Members Present: S. Johnson, K. Ruetzel, I. Ziaya, M. Pierce, J. Taylor, L. Murphy, B. Feiler

Members Absent: J. Sales

Presiding Member: J. Taylor, Board Chair

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chair Taylor declared a quorum of the Mental Health Board and called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Approval of MHB Meeting Minutes: July 13, September 14 & September 23

Mr. Pierce moved approval seconded by Ms. Ziaya; the minutes were unanimously approved.

2018 Applications for Mental Health Board: Funding Discussion and Recommendation

Chair Taylor announced that the broadcast was live and called for introductions. The working group, nominated at the September meeting, presented criteria used to develop allocation suggestions and initial allocation amounts. Mr. Murphy moved to accept the working group suggestions, seconded by Ms. Feiler. Chair Taylor opened the floor for discussion.

Members commended the working group and spoke to the challenges of making allocation decisions and incorporating the ranking system into the allocation process. Members discussed whether they could get the funding criteria used by the working group in advance of the meeting. It was noted that the working group's recommendation was developed to open discussion of allocations by the board. Distributing their criteria to the full board in advance of the meeting could result in a perceived or actual violation of the Open Meetings Act.

As there was no further discussion, Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$10,000 to Center for Independent Futures for the Supporting Individuals with Disabilities program; members voted 6-1 to approve with Ms. Ziaya voting against. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$33,600 to Childcare Network of Evanston, Learning Together Program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$48,063 to CNE, Early childhood Education and Family Support program; members voted 7-0 to

approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$55,000 to Connections for the Homeless for the Outreach & Drop-In program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate no funds to CJE; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate no funds to Evanston Scholars; members voted 6-1, to approve with Ms. Feiler voting against. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$33,600 to Family Focus for the After School program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate no funds to Garrett-Evangelical for the Freedom Schools program; members voted 6-0 to approve with Mr. Murphy abstaining. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$57,600 to Impact Behavioral Health for the Clinical Services program; members voted 6-1 to approve with Mr. Pierce voting against. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$62,400 to Infant Welfare Society for the Teen Baby Nursery program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$39,360 to James B. Moran Center for the Legal & Social Services program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$18,500 to Learning Bridge for the Infant Toddler Program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$10,000 to Learning Bridge for the Scholarship program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$10,000 to Meals at Home; members voted 5-2 to approve with Ms. Ruetzel and Ms. Feiler voting against. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$67,200 to Metropolitan Family Services for the Family Support & Prevention program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$28,800 to North Shore Senior Center for the Social Services program; members voted 6-0 to approve with Ms. Johnson abstaining. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$10,000 to North Shore Senior Center for the PEARLS CareOptions program; members voted 6-0 to approve with Ms. Johnson abstaining. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$18,000 to Northwest CASA for the Sexual Assault Prevention program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate no funds to Open Studio Project for the Art & Action program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$88,200 to PEER Services; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$17,000 to Shore Community Services for the Lois Lloyd Center program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$20,000; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate no funds to the Josselyn Center for the Psychiatric Services program; members voted 6-1 to approve with Ms. Ziaya voting against. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$28,800 to Trilogy for the Evanston Mental Health Care Coordinator program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$10,000 to Turning Point for the Open Access program; members voted 7-0 to approve. Chair Taylor called for a vote to allocate \$70,250 to YOU for the Youth & Family Services program; members voted 7-0 to approve.

Public Comment

There was a request from an audience member for more information about the application process.

Liaison Reports

Chair Taylor asked each member to provide a report about program successes for the next meeting. She also requested that members consider liaison relationships in the

coming year. She noted the imbalance in reporting and asked for suggestions to support consistent reporting.

Chair Report

Chair Taylor thanked all the agencies for the applications and participation in the funding process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Taylor called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Pierce. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
Grants and Compliance Specialist