



MEETING MINUTES

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Thursday, May 10, 2018 7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, room 2402

Members Present: K. Ruetzel, M. Pierce, S. Johnson, R. Feiler, I. Ziaya, J. Sales, J. Haimes, G. Hall

Members Absent: none

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Presiding Member: K. Ruetzel, Board Chair

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chair Ruetzel declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of MHB Minutes of April 12, 2018

In response to questions about the priority-based budgeting process and the proposed letter to Mayor Hagerty, it was explained that the budgeting process was not among the responsibilities of the board so were not on the agenda. Ms. Ziaya moved approval of the April 12, 2018 minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Feiler; a voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Panel Discussion with District 65 Social Workers

Paola Flores, Margaret Rothe, and Jennifer Bergner discussed challenges faced by students and their families including lack of child psychiatric services within the community, barriers to accessing services, and the rise in needs for mental health services. They also described additional challenges caused by language and cultural barriers, limited access to technology and transportation, and inequitable distribution of treatment plans and services; together they represented Oakton Elementary School, Chute Middle School, Haven Middle School and Nichols Middle School. Maggie Mosley was not able to attend, but submitted a written statement for the Board's review. Members asked questions about existing services in the community and surrounding areas and discussed possible solutions. There was additional discussion about way City funds were distributed to agencies throughout the community and the newly available priority based budgeting survey.

Public Comment

Five agency representatives provided program updates and commented on the priority based budgeting process and survey for 2019.

Liaison Report

Two members provided reports for three agencies.

ZoomGrants 2019 Application Review (For Discussion)

Staff asked members to consider any relevant information not captured in the provided application template. Ms. Johnson suggested that the application include information about City Council Goals and MHB funding priorities. There was discussion about the way application questions are organized. Mr. Hall suggested the inclusion of an executive summary. There was discussion about the way budget information was reported and additional discussion about ways to analyze unmet need and how programs provide/improve equity of services. Staff

confirmed that the application would also be reviewed by the Equity & Empowerment Coordinator. Ms. Ruetzel suggested that members further review questions and provide feedback to staff by Monday, May 21.

Staff Report

Staff reported that Mayor Hagerty would recognize May as Mental Health Month at the May 14, 2018 City Council meeting. Staff also summarized previous month monitoring activities.

Chair Report

Ms. Ruetzel urged members to contact agencies and encourage all to participate in the priority-based budget survey. The nominating committee introduced the proposed slate of officers for 2018-2019: Ms. Sales selected as Chair and Mr. Pierce selected to serve for another term as Vice Chair. The board will vote to approve at the meeting in June.

Adjournment

Ms. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Feiler. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
Grants and Compliance Specialist