



MEETING MINUTES

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Thursday, August 9, 2018 7:00 PM

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

Members Present: J. Sales, M. Pierce, B. Feiler, I. Ziaya, J. Haines, G. Hall, S. Johnson

Members Absent: K. Ruetzel

Staff: M. Masoncup, J. Wingader

Presiding Member: J. Sales, Board Chair

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chair Sales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Approval of MHB Minutes: July 12, 2018

Mr. Hall moved approval with corrections, seconded by Mr. Pierce; a voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

MHB Powers and Duties

Corporation Council Michelle Masoncup addressed questions about methods used to communicate information to the Mayor and members of City Council. She confirmed that board communications or proposals can be presented to the Human Services Committee. Items of information can be for discussion or record; items for action can be held in committee for further review, moved to City Council, or voted down. Ms. Masoncup also described the process for items undergoing legal review.

There was discussion about the the board's interest in advocacy within the City for additional funding and throughout the community. Council emphasized that the board's role as a recommending body required members to remain impartial to specific agencies and services and that advocacy could conflict with current responsibilities, but advocating for an increase to the annual allocation amount available for social services was under the Board's purview. When asked about any additions or changes to board responsibilities, Ms. Masoncup confirmed that changes would require an amendment to the City Code. She further confirmed that requests should be made in writing and presented to Human Services Committee for review.

PEER Services Application Appeal

PEER Services, a long time recipient of City funding, did not send a representative to either pre-application meeting, attendance at which is a mandatory requirement of the 2019 application process. Staff provided information about the application process established by the Housing & Community Development Act Committee; when an agency does not attend the pre-application meeting, staff practice is to leave the decision about whether the application is allowed to move forward to the deciding board. Maureen McDonnell, Executive Director of PEER Services, discussed events that contributed to the oversight and requested that the board allow PEER Services to complete the application. Ms. Johnson moved approval of the request seconded by Ms. Feiler. Members voted unanimously to allow PEER Services to complete the application for 2019 funding.

Public Comment

Liz Gordon praised the board for approving the request made by PEER Services.

Liaison Report

Ms. Feiler reported for Metropolitan Family Services, Impact Behavioral Health Partners, and Family Focus. Ms. Sales reported for Northwest CASA and Turning Point.

ZoomGrants Review

Staff provided information about reviewing applications using ZoomGrants. Board discussed score questions, key dates in application process and information provided in staff summaries.

Staff Report

No staff report.

Chair Report

Ms. Sales attended the BCC Summit provided by the City Clerk's Office and summarized the information presented. Other BCC representatives in attendance included members of the Environment Board and the Age Friendly Evanston Task Force; Deputy City Manager Kimberly Richardson attended to review new procedures for board appointments.

Adjournment

Ms. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Ziaya. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
Grants and Compliance Specialist