

NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA
ST. CHARLES 708 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2026, 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, DENS A & B
2 E. MAIN STREET, ST. CHARLES, IL

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes dated April 22, 2026.
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
5. Adjourn

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1. Call to Order

Chair Rivard called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. Roll Call

Members present: Denz, Litchfield, Muenz, Poremba, Rivard, Rosenberg, Weddell

Others present: Mayor Hull

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated March 18, 2026

Approval of Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2026

Motion to approve by Muenz second by Poremba

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

4. Allocation of Funding – Discussion and Votes

See Appendix A Spreadsheet attached for detail.

Round table questions and discussions about various agency applications and presentation information provided.

Motion to fund Kane County Bar Foundation by Litchfield second by Rosenberg

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion to not fund La Voz by Poremba second by

No second for the motion. It was referenced and reminded that a discussion and vote for the scoring of this application would not take place due to late submission, in an April 15, 2026, meeting.

Board member Denz discussed Samara Care as a telehealth organization based in Wheaton. Round table discussion ensued discussing the organization and other similar organizations that are nearby in Kane County.

Motion to not fund Samara Care by Denz second by Muenz.

Voice Vote Aye: 4 No: 3

Motion carries

Board member Muenz discussed priority 1 for Lazarus House, as it relates to affordable housing requirements in St. Charles and under the Economic Development Department program. Board member Denz discussed the breakdown of use of funds outlined on the application from Lazarus House, as they pertain specifically to individuals with mental health and substance abuse conditions. Round table discussion recognizing differences in the ask of funds through the Housing Commission of Economic Development versus what was asked

from the 708 Mental Health Board, by Lazarus House and that breakdown offered in the application submitted to the 708 Board.

Board member Denz discussed several agency applications that listed St Charles resident support numbers relative to percentages of funding asks. Discussed applications relative to this are Support Over Stigma with 7% of a population being from St. Charles, while the ask for priorities is seeking 40-50% of the funding for the priority. Also discussed, MDW Cares asking for 92% of the priority funding with service going to 52% of St. Charles residents. Round table discussion for agencies, who are first time applicants being offered a demonstration grant. Board member Denz discussed Lighthouse Foundation also asking for funding for a priority that serves 9% St. Charles residents.

Board member Litchfield recommended a question be added to next years' application asking the percentage of residents served as a measure against the funding percentage asked on the application.

Chair Rivard recommended the board continue to the scoring portion of the discussion to visualize how scoring and use of the rubric would dictate funding and then continue discussions after this portion is complete.

Discussion to offer a demonstration grant funding to MDW Cares and Kane County Bar for \$2500 each. Motion to approve demonstration grants for MDW Cares for \$2500 by Poremba second by Litchfield.

Voice Vote Aye: 5 No: 2

Motion carries

Motion to approve a \$2500 demonstration grant for Kane County Bar Nest by Rosenberg second by Litchfield

Voice vote Aye: 3 No: 4

Motion fails

Motion to decrease funding for Support Over Stigma to 7% to match the percentage of St Charles residents served by Denz second by Rosenberg

Voice Vote Aye: 2 No: 5

Motion fails

Motion to decrease funding to \$5500 each for Support Over Stigma priority 1 and priority 2 by Denz second by Poremba

Voice Vote Aye: 4 No: 3

Motion carries

Motion to decrease funding for Lighthouse Foundation to \$29,803 to bring into balance proportion of St Charles residents served by Denz second by Rosenberg

Voice Vote Aye: 3 No: 4

Motion fails

Motion to decrease Lighthouse Foundation to fund at \$50,000 to balance proportion of St Charles residents served by Weddell second by Poremba

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

Motion to fund Tri City Family Services Priority 1 at \$200,055 motion by Rosenberg second by Muenz

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

5. Meeting Schedule for 2026 – 2027

Chair Rivard discussed potential open positions for the fall term.

May 20, 2026

Nov 18, 2026 for clarification and edits to application as discussed for St Charles residents served relative to the overall budget

Jan 13, 2027

Feb 17, 2027 (open house / bidders meeting)

Mar 10, 2027

Apr 14, 2027 (presentation meeting)

Apr 21, 2027 (allocation meeting)

Board member Muenz asked the board if they wanted to consider more active roles in the community relative to mental health or remain more of a funding body. Round table discussion ensued.

Motion to approve schedule by Denz second by Poremba

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Mayor Hull discussed with the board, initiative by the city council and the City of St Charles, overall greater emphasis for accountability to track how tax dollars are being used.

6. Determination of Chair and Vice Chair Roles for 2026-2027

Tabled until a May 2026 meeting discussion

7. Adjourn

Chair Rivard asked if there were any other items for discussion or a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by Poremba second by Muenz

Voice Vote: Aye: 7 No: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM

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