

MEETING MINUTES
ST. CHARLES 708 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2023, 5:30 PM
2 E. MAIN STREET, DENS A&B

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Others Present: One member of the public

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. April 26, 2023

Motion to approve by Rosenberg second by Weddell

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

4. Chair Report

A. Introduction of new members

Chair Poremba introduced new board members Ricky Rivard and Jaymie Muenz.

B. THRIVE Initiative

Chair Poremba shared information on this new initiative shared by St. Charles school board member Kate Bell. According to Ms. Bell's work, and data derived from the Kane County Health Department, statistics show, *per capita*, St Charles has the highest youth substance abuse and unmet mental health needs, in Kane County. There will be an informational meeting on Dec 7th, 2023, discussing the launch of a new non-profit Thrive Youth Coalition Initiative. At this time the outreach to the 708 Mental Health Board is simply to be informative of work being done in the community.

C. 2023-2024 Mental Health Board meeting schedule

Chair Poremba asked for a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2023 – 2024. Motion by Muenz second by Rivard

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Motion carries

D. Discussion on participation in outside committees

Chair Poremba discussed her work with the Kane County Opioid Task Force as an example of work board members do with outside committees. The work really is simply to attend and report back to the board. Chair Poremba

will continue to attend the Opioid Task force meetings there are two others that Chair Poremba asked if any board members are interested in attending. Board member Litchfield stated she is interested in the meetings with Senator Villa's Mental Health Advisory Committee that meets via Zoom. Board member Muenz would be interested in the Behavioral Health Council Committee which meets at Delnor, the next is 11/29 at 1:30 PM in community room 4.

5. Action Items

A. Social Media Public Service Announcement Program

Chair Poremba described a desire to bring greater awareness of the St Charles 708 Mental Health Board and how the work of the board helps the community. An initiative last year, was to highlight services that are available in the community from the organizations the 708 Mental Health Board funds each year. Chair Poremba described what has been attempted toward this goal, and identified areas that could benefit from some fresh ideas toward the same goal.

Round table discussion ensued with recommendations for achieving this goal, with possible ways more information can be surfaced to the community.

- Board member Muenz recommended providing data about the great things partnering agency applicants are doing to support St Charles residents through this funding.
- Board member Weddell further discussed information gleaned from agency presentations as well as some of the information they provide in applications.
- Board member Muenz asked if presentations could be recorded and used as clips for social media.
- Chair Poremba asked if any board member might have an interest in spearheading this initiative.
- Board member Denz recommended a short interview-style post presentation recorded message in a podcast style presentation; concise, short 30-60 second recorded message.
- Chair Poremba asked the board if they would bring a few recommended questions to the next meeting.
- Board member Weddell discussed the bidders meeting that used to take place prior to the presentation meetings and recommended the board consider bringing that meeting back to the agency applicants.

This meeting could be a way to share the information about the social media post requested of agency applicants. It would need to occur at the January 24th, 2024, meeting as the applications post to the website early in February.

Chair Poremba discussed details of the application and how this board would like to approach items such as applications not signed.

Board member Denz asked about scoring the application as it relates to tying it to a need in the community. Chair Poremba recollected discussion about tiering the applications. Round table discussion and a variety of examples were discussed. Board member Weddell recalled when the 708 Board used a tiered system for funding consideration.

Chair Poremba asked the board if they wanted to offer a bidders meeting after the January 24th meeting. Round table discussion and general consensus was as long as it was not required to attend to qualify to apply, a bidders meeting is of benefit to agency applicants, and certainly if there were any new agencies that wanted to apply. Chair Poremba will ask if Council Chambers is available after a January 24, 2024, to offer this meeting. Chair Poremba asked board member Weddell if he wouldn't mind leading that optional bidders meeting. Round table discussion of items that should be surfaced to applicants in a bidders meeting.

Chair Poremba will request council chambers for 6:00 PM on January 24th, if needed the board will reconvene to complete their 5:30 PM meeting.

Chair Poremba asked board members to bring 2-3 questions to the January 24th meeting, that might be used for the brief social media interview.

Board member Weddell will do some research on the tiering system that was used in the past and bring some of that information back for a January 24th meeting conversation.

6. Q&A

Chair Poremba asked if there were any further questions.

7. Adjourn

Chair Poremba asked if there were any other items or a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Litchfield second by Rivard

Voice Vote Aye: 7 No: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM

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