

ST. CHARLES 708 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2023 5:30 PM
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MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Poremba called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

2. Roll Call

Members present: Bryant, Litchfield, Poremba, Silkaitis, Weddell

Ms. Rosenberg at 5:40 PM

Absent: Denz

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. November 16, 2022

Motion to approve by Weddell second by Silkaitis

Voice Vote Aye: 5 No:0

Motion carries

4. Chair Report

A. Kane County Opioid Task Force

Chair Poremba discussed attendance at the meeting on November 18th, 2022.

Most agencies are still reporting staffing shortages. The coroner discussed a current rate of one opioid overdose, or death per day in Kane County. AID has absorbed the Point to Point initiative previously run independently. A new program, "Thrive by 2025" with a focus on the root cause of problems relative to overdose, is working to engage with the community to find solutions.

Board member Litchfield asked what primary age group is affected by overdoses.

Chair Poremba recollected a meeting prior to this one, stating an 18-45 primary age range was cited.

5. Action Items

A. Application

Chair Poremba discussed the work put in by board members Bryant and Weddell, recognizing them for their efforts in this updated application. Board member Silkaitis stated an item of note for this fiscal year; grant applications received will require signature to be considered for funding.

Board member Litchfield asked a question regarding item 9 discussing the number of St. Charles residents served versus a percentage. Board member Bryant directed to the area of the application discussing the specific number of residents served.

Motion to approve the amended application by Litchfield second by Bryant

Voice Vote Yes: 6 No: 0

Motion carries

B. Rubric

Chair Poremba asked if there were any questions about the rubric. Board member Litchfield asked for clarification on item number three. Chair Poremba explained the rationale.

Motion to accept the updated rubric by Weddell second by Litchfield

Voice Vote Aye: 6 No: 0

Motion carries

C. Agency Guidance Document

Chair Poremba recognized the work done by Board Member Weddell on this document.

Motion to approve the agency guidance document by Bryant second by Rosenberg.

Voice Vote Yes: 6 No: 0

Motion carries

6. Q&A

Chair Poremba discussed future meetings and scoring of agency applications, holding space for board member questions. Round table discussion for the cadence of the various meetings and the scoring of agency applications.

Members of the public were in attendance this evening. Carl King was in attendance with two student representatives from Kane County Common Ground. The organization intends to be based in the St. Charles downtown area with a goal of addressing the mental health of young people in the county. The board is youth led working in conjunction with local mental health service providers. Two students from St Charles East High School represented and introduced themselves, discussing their role in the organization. Chair Poremba asked for their feedback in what the students believe is a single most urgent reason young people are struggling in the area of mental health. One student stated that heavily impacted by experiences from the last three years; young people do not feel the need to interact. This leads to isolation and depression. The board thanked the group for coming to the meeting and sharing their public comment as well as what their organization is working to achieve.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Bryant second by Weddell

Voice Vote Aye: 6 No: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM

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