

# **CMHB, Moraine Township Minutes of Board Meeting May 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair David Paushter at the Moraine Township Office located at 800 Central Ave, Highland Park.

The following Board Members were in attendance in person: Chair David Paushter, Members Nora Barquin, Zach Duenow, Anne Lapedriza, Allison Levin, Heather Schwartz, and Daniel Yohanna.

Also present: Administrator Sanela Abazovic and Moraine Township Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi

Absent: Members Kari Guhl and Desmond Raftery

## **Approval of Minutes:**

- Member Yohanna moved, seconded by Member Schwartz, the approval of minutes from the regular board meeting of April 28, 2025. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **Public Comment:**

- There was no public comment.

## **Approval of Bills:**

- Member Levin moved, seconded by member Yohanna, the approval of bills from April 15, 2025 to May 12, 2025 in the amount of \$252.20.  
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Members Barquin, Duenow, Lapedriza, Levin, Schwartz, Yohanna and Chair Paushter. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

## **Action Items:**

- None.

## **Chair's Remarks:**

Discussed results of NIU Needs Assessment. Next steps include Focus Groups with both clients and agencies. Chair Paushter agreed to contact Endeavor Health concerning the methodology that they utilized for their focus groups. The need for a Spanish speaking facilitator was discussed. Member Barquin agreed to reach out to the Highwood Public Library to discuss appropriate focus group methodology, as well as 211 about resource map. In addition, Referral GPS was discussed.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### **Bylaws: Members Yohanna and Levin**

Members Yohanna and Levin have sent Bylaws to CMHB attorney Airdo Werwas

**Communications/Website: Member Duenow**

Member Duenow is continuing to work with Steve Zweiback on the CMHB website. Discussed creating an “info” e-mail on the website for both English and Spanish speaking clients to be able to request information.

**Intellectual/Developmental Disability: Members Raftery and Schwartz**

None.

**Strategic Planning: Members Lapedriza and Schwartz**

Members Lapedriza and Schwartz presented for discussion a one-year strategic plan draft covering an outline of the Board’s priority focus for the year as well as specific initiatives/deliverables. The following four strategic priorities were discussed:

- Public Awareness and Engagement – Community Outreach
- Funding Grants
- Engagement with Community and other key stakeholders
- Board Organization

Moving forward, Member Levin will work with Member Schwartz on Strategic Planning.

**NIU Needs Assessment: Member Levin**

Discussed during Chair’s Remarks.

**Potential Speakers: Member Barquin**

Discussed scheduling Highland Park High School Drop-in Center Counselor as well as Nicasa Behavioral Health Services as a potential speakers.

**Old Business:**

- Member Lapedriza formally resigned from her position as Board Member of the CMHB.

**New Business:**

- Discussed the open Board position including what skills would most benefit the Board.

**Staff Report:**

- Discussed adjusting the calendar to include two meetings per month for the rest of the year. Administrator Abazovic will propose a new calendar at the next Board Meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Member Schwartz moved, seconded by Member Duenow, adjournment of the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Kari Guhl

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Sanela Abazovic, CMHB Administrator