

CMHB, Moraine Township

Minutes of Board Meeting

February 24, 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: Kari Guhl, Anne Lapedriza, Allison Levin, David Paushter, Desmond Raftery, Heather Schwartz, Daniel Yohanna. Member Zach Duenow joined the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Also in attendance: Moraine Township Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Moraine Township Administrator Sanela Abazovic and City of Highland Park Resiliency Manager Madeline Kati.

Absent: Nora Barquin

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment.

Presentation:

- **Madeline Kati, Highland Park Resiliency Division**
Responsible for counseling, community events, partner with HP library, and referrals for counseling.

Approval of Minutes:

- Member Yohanna moved, seconded by Member Schwartz, the approval of minutes from the regular board meeting of January 27, 2025. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Action Items:

- Motion by Chair Paushter to approve the Mission and Vision Statements, seconded by Member Levin. Minor edits were suggested and accepted. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Motion by Member Lapedriza to approve the Remote Attendance Policy previously distributed to Board Members, seconded by Member Duenow. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Chair Paushter asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board. Motion by Member Raftery to nominate Member Yohanna for Vice Chair position, seconded by Member Guhl. **There were no other nominations and Member Yohanna was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

Subcommittee Reports

Bylaws: Members Yohanna and Levin

Draft Bylaws for the Board were circulated by Member Yohanna. The Board will discuss further at a future meeting.

Strategic Planning: Chair Paushter and Member Lapedriza

Member Lapedriza brought in a sample format of strategic planning document. Members Lapedriza and Chair Paushter will work together to further develop the CMHBs strategic plan including timelines of all Board activities and goals.

Logo: Member Duenow

Member Duenow to circulate his logo designs to Board members for further review at the next meeting.

Intellectual/Developmental Disability: Members Raftery and Schwartz

Discussion related to what is commonly included in Intellectual/Developmental Disability. Members Raftery and Schwartz will investigate and follow up at the next meeting.

Website: Chair Paushter

Chair Paushter will reach out to the volunteer that developed the Moraine Township website to see if they are able to assist in developing a page on the website for the CMHB.

Old Business:

- Chair Paushter presented notes from the Highwood and Highland Park Disability Inclusion Working Group and suggested the Director make a presentation to the Board at a future meeting.
- Follow-up from Member Raftery on Highland Park Police Department community involvement in mental health issues.
- Administrator Abazovic presented a draft Request for Qualifications for a CMHB attorney, along with a list of attorneys currently working with CMHBs around Illinois. The Board consensus was to move forward with distributing the RFQ. Responses will be presented at the next meeting.
- Member Levin to follow-up on NIU survey. CMHB needs final copy to keep on timeline.

New Business:

- The Board discussed the Endeavor Health Community Needs Assessment and agreed that the consultant who prepared the report be invited to present their findings on mental health needs for the Moraine Township zip codes.
- Member Duenow presented on District 112 Mental Health Resources and how a coherent mechanism is needed by teachers and a system to tie the various resources together.
- Secretary Guhl presented information about Moraine Township's Latino Advisory Committee's Community Resource Fair held on February 9th.
- The Board discussed creating a subcommittee to manage a spreadsheet of all groups, resources, contacts, involvement, etc. to keep a fluid database of all connections.
- Moraine Township Supervisor Bassi suggested board training for government board by Moraine Township attorney Jim Hartman. Administrator Abazovic to reach out to him for presentation at next meeting.

Adjournment:

Member Duenow moved, seconded by Member Yohanna, adjournment of the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kari Guhl

Kari Guhl, CMHB Secretary