

**CMHB, Moraine Township  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
March 9, 2026**

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.

**Motion to Allow Member Daniel Yohanna to join the meeting remotely in accordance with the Moraine Township Community Mental Health Board’s Remote Attendance Policy.** Member Jenks moved, seconded by Member Schwartz, to allow Member Daniel Yohanna to join the meeting remotely in accordance with the Moraine Township Community Mental Health Board’s Remote Attendance Policy. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

The following Board Members were in attendance in person: Chair David Paushter, Secretary Kari Guhl, Members Nora Barquin, Zach Duenow, Daniel Jenks, Allison Levin, Heather Schwartz.

Also present: Moraine Township Administrator Sanela Abazovic, Rachel Sacks and Lauren Knap from Leading Healthy Futures.

Remote attendance: Member Daniel Yohanna, and Case Manager/ Community Liaison Guadalupe Somerville.

Absent: Member: Desmond Raftery.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Presentation:**

Rachel Sacks and Lauren Knap from Leading Healthy Futures along with Case Manager/ Community Liaison Guadalupe Somerville discussed the final grant process specifically reviewing:

- Grant Application Guidelines
- Grant Application Preview
- Grant Budget Template

The grant application is ready to be published on the website upon approval by the Board.

In addition, the Board reviewed the Supplemental Needs Assessment and agreed to post it on the CMHB website.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Member Jenks moved, seconded by Member Levin, the approval of minutes from the February 23, 2026 regular board meeting.

**Approval of Bills:**

- Member Jenks moved, seconded by Member Levin, to approve the bills for the period February 24, 2026 to March 9, 2026 in the amount of \$8,897.07.  
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Chair Paushter, Secretary Guhl, Members Barquin, Duenow, Jenks, Levin, Schwartz, and Yohanna.  
Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

**Financial Reports:**

- Administrator Sanela Abazovic provided details on bank accounts including checking and CD accounts.

**Action Items:**

- Motion made by Member Jenks to approve the CMHB Grant Application Materials, seconded by Member Levin. **The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**Chair's Remarks:**

- None

**Executive Session:**

- None

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Governance: Members Yohanna and Levin**

- None

**Finance: Members Jenks and Yohanna**

- None

**Grants: Chair Paushter and Member Barquin**

- None

**Working Group Reports:**

**Website/Navigation: Member Duenow and Secretary Guhl**

- Member Barquin and Case Manager/ Community Liaison Guadalupe Somerville will work to translate the website in Spanish.

**Convening: Members Barquin and Raftery**

- Member Barquin provided feedback from two focus group sessions she held in Highwood. One was related to mental health, and one was related to intellectual or developmental disabilities. She is working on a possible focus group for substance use disorders, however has found gathering participants challenging.

**Communication/Outreach: Secretary Guhl and Member Raftery**

- Secretary Guhl provided an updated option for mailer to announce to the community that the CMHB website is live and available for use.

**Strategic Planning: Members Levin and Schwartz**

- None

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**Staff Report:**

- Administrator Abazovic informed the Board that the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHA) Membership is coming up for renewal. The Board found the membership valuable and agreed to continue being a member of the organization. Membership dues of \$2,250.00 will be paid in next fiscal year.
- Case Manager/ Community Liaison Guadalupe Somerville informed the Board that the Grant Application materials are set to be published on the website on March 10, 2026. She showed the Board how the website is designed and how the application will look once it is published. All questions related to the grant application will be directed to her. Grant Applications are due by April 10, 2026.

Case Manager/ Community Liaison Guadalupe Somerville continues to work with Leading Healthy Futures on the Grant Application Scoring Summary Sheet and Rubric. Drafts of both documents will be reviewed at the following Board meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Member Duenow moved, seconded by Member Jenks, adjournment of the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Kari Guhl

Kari Guhl – CMHB Secretary