

CMHB, Moraine Township

Minutes of Board Meeting

January 12, 2026

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

Motion to Allow Chair David Paushter 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 Duenow.

The following Board Members were in attendance in person: Vice Chair Daniel Yohanna, Secretary Kari Guhl, Members Nora Barquin, Zach Duenow, Daniel Jenks, and Allison Levin. Also present: Moraine Township Supervisor Nancy Chausow Shafer and Moraine Township Administrator Sanela Abazovic.

Remote attendance: Chair David Paushter and Case Manager/Community Liaison Guadalupe Somerville.

Absent: Members Desmond Raftery and Heather Schwartz.

Approval of Minutes:

- Member Duenow moved, seconded by Member Yohanna, the approval of minutes from the regular board meeting of December 8, 2025.
- Member Levin moved, seconded by Member Duenow, abstained by Member Jenks, the approval of minutes from the Special Strategic Planning and Grant Working Group Meeting of December 19, 2025

Public Comment:

- None

Presentation:

- Rachel Sacks and Lauren Knap from Leading Healthy Futures; presented a walk-through of the Needs Assessment and grants review process.

Approval of Bills:

- Member Jenks moved, seconded by Member Levin, to approve the bills for the period December 9, 2025 to January 12, 2026 in the amount of \$36,281.77.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Chair Paushter, Vice Chair Yohanna, Secretary Guhl, Members Barquin, Duenow, Jenks, Levin and Schwartz.
Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Financial Reports:

- Administrator Sanela Abazovic provided details on bank accounts including checking, CD account, and tax distributions.

Action Items:

- Motion made by Member Jenks to approve the April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027 CMHB Budget to be recommended to Moraine Township Supervisor, seconded by Member Duenow. **The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

Chair's Remarks:

- Chair Paushter reiterated the importance of follow-through between board meetings to achieve forward movement and staying informed.

Executive Session:

- None

Standing Committee Reports:**Governance: Members Yohanna and Levin**

- None

Finance: Chair Paushter and Member Yohanna

- None

Grants: Chair Paushter and Member Barquin

- Information on Grants was covered in the LHF presentation. Subsequent additions will be made at the February 2nd meeting.

Working Group Reports:**Website/Navigation: Member Duenow and Secretary Guhl**

- Photographs will be updated to the site by Members Duenow and Guhl.

Convening: Members Barquin and Raftery

- None

Communication/Outreach: Secretary Guhl and Member Raftery

- Secretary Guhl will provide three sentences to Moraine Township Supervisor Nancy Chausow Shafer announcing the CMHB Grant process will be opening in March 2026 to include in The Highlander January/February edition. Deadline for submission is January 16, 2026.

Strategic Planning: Members Levin and Schwartz

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Moraine Township will not have a table at the winter indoor Farmers Market.

Staff Report:

- None

Adjournment:

Member Jenks moved, seconded by Member Levin, adjournment of the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Kari Guhl
Kari Guhl – CMHB Secretary