



## MILTON TOWNSHIP

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Tuesday May 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

The regular meeting of the Milton Township Community Mental Health Board was called to order by President Hartnett at 6:02 pm at Milton Township 1492 N. Main Street Wheaton, IL 60187.

Members Present:

Shannon Hartnett (President)  
Kara Murphy (Secretary)  
Drew Ellis  
Abby McCarthy  
Jenny Burke  
Robert Lyon

Secretary Murphy took roll call, and all were present except for Member Evans.

President Hartnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

President Hartnett asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting. Secretary Murphy made the motion and Trustee Ellis seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Old Business:

The 2023 annual report was completed and published in the Daily Herald newspaper on May 3rd.

New Business:

Manager Hutchins spoke about the monthly financial reports. Trustee Ellis said he would speak to the township accountant about running reports from the first of the month rather than the middle of the month.

Member Lyon asked if the CMHB funds are placed in a high interest account and where the interest goes after it is attained. Trustee Ellis said he would investigate this and let the board know.

Manager Hutchins passed out the Ethics form to all the members present and all were signed and given back to Manager Hutchins for record keeping.



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Lisa Ewers and Theresa Forthofer from Easterseals came to the meeting to let the members know how being funded by the CMHB has benefitted their clients this year. Lisa Ewers, the grant coordinator at Easterseals, said the funding they have received from the CMHB has allowed them to expand their services and reduce waitlists for pediatric therapy and care coordination. She shared several 6-month outcomes of their program. She also shared an impact story about three brothers who are thriving since receiving services at Easterseals. Theresa Forthofer (CEO) addressed challenges they have been facing from insurance companies, where Mental Health reimbursement continues to be an issue. Easterseals is unique among its peer agencies in the breadth of insurance they accept, a condition made possible due to gap funding (including CMHB funding) that subsidizes reimbursement rates below cost of service delivery. Easterseals also highlighted the range of languages spoken by their counseling staff.

Several Board members gave Funding Partner Liaison updates. Secretary Murphy has an appointment to visit Easterseals this week. Member Lyon gave an update on DuPage Federation.

Secretary Murphy shared the update that she and President Hartnett had been invited to participate in a series of meetings with fellow community funders of Mental Health to explore how to maximize the collective impact of dollars awarded. There have been two meetings, both hosted by DuPage Foundation. Secretary Murphy committed to continuing to update the board on action items coming from the discussion.

President Hartnett called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Murphy made the motion and Trustee Ellis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

<u>Kara Murphy</u> Printed Name of CMHB Secretary		<u>6/25/24</u> Date
<u>Laura Schwardt</u> Printed Name of Deputy Clerk		<u>6/25/24</u> Date