

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

1492 N. Main Street Wheaton, IL 60187

The meeting of the Milton Township Community Mental Health Board was called to order by Shannon Hartnett, President of the Milton Township Mental Health Board at 6:00 pm.

Secretary Evans completed the roll call.

Members present:

Shannon Hartnett (President)

Christine Evans (Secretary)

Jacqueline McGrath – Trustee Liaison

Abby Mc Carthy – Member

Sarah O'Donnell – Member

Christine Platt – Member

Rita Brosnan – Member

Linda Richman - Member

Members not present:

Jenny Burke – Member

President Hartnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: President Hartnett requested a motion to approve the minutes of May 27, 2025. Motion by Member O'Donnell. Seconded by Member Brosnan. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Funding Partner Presentations:

Awakenings Project - The Awakenings Project is a grass-roots initiative in the Chicago suburbs, whose mission is to foster, advance, and support the creative efforts of artists with mental illnesses or addictions. In addition, The Awakenings Project works to raise public awareness, acceptance and appreciation of art by people in recovery in all creative endeavors but especially fine arts, music, literature, and drama. The Wheaton Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center partnered with The Awakenings Project to provide art classes to their residents.

SamaraCare – Milton Township 708 funds provide a fee subsidy to Milton clients who can't afford standard treatment fees.

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans – Was founded in 2007 and operates with a vision to end veteran homelessness so that no one who has defended our country goes without a home. They provide affordable housing and supportive service to low-income single male and female veterans. Veterans must meet income guidelines, have stable income needed to consistently pay rent, and agree to maintain a sober lifestyle while a resident.

Outreach – Provided integrated case management to 543 Milton Township residents.

ICNA Relief – With Milton funds, ICNA has provided mental health workshops to 27 Milton Township residents.

Old Business:

Library Social Worker Program-President Hartnett requested a motion to approve the Municipal Library Social Worker Intern Pilot Project guidelines and application. Motion by Member Platt. O'Donnell seconded motion.

The board discussed the guidelines and made two amendments.

- In each instance where it indicates “Library Social Worker” should insert “intern”.
- Clarify that this opportunity is for municipal libraries only

The board unanimously voted in favor of the guidelines and application with the stated amendments. The application will go live in Foundant on June 25, 2025.

6-Month Reports: President Hartnett directed board members to the instructions in their board packet for reviewing 6-month reports from funded partners. Board members should review the reports of their assigned funded partner. Reports and the release of second payments will be approved at the July meeting.

New Business:

May Financial Report: President Hartnett requested a motion to approve the May financial report. Member Platt motioned. Seconded by Member McCarthy. All in favor. Motion carried.

FY26 Applications: Manager Schiltz celebrated that the application went live on June 16, 2025.

President's Report: President Hartnett welcomed Jacqueline McGrath to the board. Trustee McGrath is the new board liaison. President Hartnett also congratulated manager Schiltz for stepping in quickly and doing a fantastic job.

Correspondence – none

President's Report: President Hartnett reported that Manager Hutchins will be moving on to a new role. She gave Manager Hutchins some flowers and said she would be missed, and her knowledge will be difficult to replace. Trustee Ellis was thanked also. Due to the recent election, this would be Trustee Ellis's last meeting. President Hartnett has begun phone screens for the open CMHB Manager role. The Board discussed the best process for selecting a candidate. Member O'Donnell and Member Platt will join President Hartnett in Zoom interviews next week.

Correspondence: None

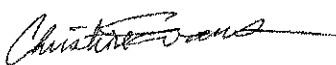
Board Member Liaisons: Secretary Evans reported on her Board Member Liaison visit to Teen Parent Connection. She had a great visit with this funding partner and gained a greater understanding of the work they are doing in Milton Township.

Review draft 2026 application and funding guidelines – Manager Hutchins walked the Board through the draft 2026 funding application and guidelines. She summarized the additions made and the Board discussed a few areas to add. These changes will be incorporated into the final application and guidelines.

Foundant tutorial – Manager Hutchins will create a Foundant tutorial to allow Board Members to review 2025 Funding Partner 6-month reports. Each Board Member will review the report from their Liaisons at the end of June.

2025 Initiatives and Ideas: Member Platt provided additional information about social worker interns in the libraries after reaching out to some local colleges to ask some more questions. President Hartnett noted that Lisle CMHB has set a precedent with a similar internship relationship with Benedictine University.

President Hartnett called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member O'Donnell motioned to adjourn. Member Burke seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Christine Evans  5/27/25
Printed name of CMHB Secretary Signature Date

Laura Schwardt  5/27/25
Printed name of Deputy Clerk Signature Date

Board Liaison Reports: None

Adjournment

President Hartnett requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Member McCarthy. Second by Member Brosnan. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Christine Evans Christine Evans 6/24/25

Printed name of CMHB Secretary
Date

Signature

Laura Schwardt Laura Schwardt 6/24/25

Printed name of Deputy Clerk
Date

Signature