

MINUTES LISLE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Lisle Library, 777 Front Street, Meeting Room A and via Google Meet

Members Present: Christine Carlsson, Alexander Zubenko, John DeCanto, Gina Sharp

Members Absent: Yosh Yamanaka, Audrey Burris, Stephen Davis, Renee Koserik, Joann Wright

Others Present: Bill Petersen, Geri Kerger, Erica Whelan, Pinkey Stewart

Chair: Nozomu Yosh Yamanaka

1. Call to order – Vice Chair Carlsson at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll call – Recording Secretary Stewart
A quorum was not present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Not recited.
4. Review and Motion to adopt the August 28, 2024 Minutes – **No action taken.**
5. Treasurer's report and Motion to accept the report – **No action taken.**
6. **Public Comment** – None.
7. Status report on Grantees and supplement application – **No action taken.**
8. Discussion to purchase Demographic reporting add-on from EMK for \$1200.
No action can be taken until the October 2024 Board meeting.
9. Discussion and **Motion** to amend the FY 2024-2025 Budget – **No action taken.**
10. Motion to publish our Amended Budget and mail to Senators & Representatives – **No action taken.**
11. Interview SamaraCare and other agencies which have completed the supplemental grant application process (15 minutes each)
Presentations by Bill Petersen (SamaraCare), Geri Kerger (NAMI DuPage), and Erica Whelan (DuPage PADS) were heard. **No action taken.**

Notes: **SamaraCare** is requesting \$60,000 (but they are flexible) to fund their Mental Health Access program to provide reduced cost of care for under resourced clients. The agency is not getting reimbursed enough to pay what they must pay their clinicians. The requested funds will be used in the program to cover the gap between reduced costs so SamaraCare can continue to take those low insurances. Three components that the grant supplement would cover: 1) Fee subsidy assistance for counseling on a sliding scale. 2) Cash discounts for self-paying clients for psychiatric care that they cannot afford. 3) Lisle Township residents' benefit because they will get access to mental health services, which is the biggest issue in DuPage County.

NAMI DuPage is requesting \$10,000 to fund their workforce development program – Level Up. The money will fund job readiness skills training to people who have been out of the workforce, were never in the workforce, or otherwise they don't have the skills necessary to become employed. People with mental illness, most of the time they have specific issues that aren't addressed by regular employment. The program also provides state certification preparation for

the Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) exam to people who have lived experiences. The job readiness training is mandatory for anyone preparing for the CRSS exam. After certification those peers will be able to work with individuals who have the similar lived experiences. Working with a peer who has similar lived experience is something valuable and will take some of the burden off the rest of the system that is understaffed. The program will utilize some of the peer Support Specialist to provide services in the township because that is where NAMI will have them doing their internships. People served by the program need those extra little boosts that the schools have not been able to provide. The program is really about workforce development that will help the individual have a career path. The program will provide independence for some and improve some self-worth for others.

DuPage PADS is requesting \$50,000 in funding to provide salary and benefit support for one supportive housing case manager who will service families and individuals who were previously experiencing homelessness but are now residing withing PSH scattered site apartment units throughout Lisle Township. The PSH scattered site apartment units consists of 45 units within Lyle Township, serving 64 individuals. To be a tenant of PSH units, an individual must have experienced homelessness for one year or more, or four times within the past three years, and have a documented disabled condition that makes attaining self-sufficiency difficult. This project supports DuPage PADS goals to end homelessness by providing PSH and stable housing to individuals, as well as helping them to create individualized work plannings to sustain their housing. And to connect them to intensive supports and basic needs assistance such as ongoing food provision. DuPage PADS also connects people to employment supports and education supports. The objectives are to equip 64 Lisle Township residents with stable housing and to assess all residents for eligibility for any entitlements that they may be qualified to receive. Nearly every person that the program serves copes with some type of serious mental illness or some type of substance use issue.

14. New Business: None.

15. Old Business: Please remember to take you Sexual Harassment training before November due date

19. **Public Comment** – None.

20. Adjourn 8:02 p.m.

Vice Chair Carlsson moves to Adjourn

Member DeCanto seconds

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Submitted by Pinkey A. Stewart, Recording Secretary, on Sept 27, 2024