

Virgil Township
Community Mental Health 708 Board Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2023

MINUTES

President Michael Yagen called the regular meeting of the Virgil Township Mental Health 708 Board to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 08, 2023, via conference call.

Members Present: Ted Janecek, Cheryl O'Brien, Michael Yagen, Peg Yagen

Members Absent: Tiffiny Callaghan, Jean Fabrizius, Bridget Ruf

Also present: Dalila Alegria, INC MHA
Colleen Balija, INC MHA
Ann Montgomery, INC MHA
Jennifer Long, Conley Outreach

President Yagen asked for approval of the minutes of the February 16, 2023, meeting. Upon a motion by Ted Janecek and second by Peg Yagen, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Under Staff Report, Operations Manager Colleen Balija reported on the INC finances for the period of July 1 through April 30, 2023. All tax revenues have been received plus additional funds from Big Rock township, and interest rates are improving. Expenses YTD are \$1,756,971. Overall, Net Income is \$354,580.

Conley Outreach Executive Director Jennifer Long gave the West Towns report on the clients and activities. She stated 54 new clients were served, 196 total contacts were made, and 72 referred out. Activities include distributing community meals, sorting donations, working with clients at the Clothing Exchange Clothes Closet, hosting WTCRT Zoom meetings, Kaneland Coalition meetings, grief support groups, and preparing for Good Grief Day camp in late June.

Administrative Assistant Ann Montgomery reviewed the unaudited client statistics for the fiscal year through April 30, 2023. She reported that 43 Virgil Township residents received 780 units of service for that period.

Executive Director Dalila Alegria reviewed the 2022 Tax Extension Report. She reported that the Virgil levy request was \$21,416 and the extension is \$21,416.

Alegria reviewed the preliminary 2023-2024 budget and noted changes to several items while offering explanations.

Balija presented the approved 2023-24 Allocations. She reported that the INC Board of Directors approved the funding recommendations by the Program Committee. There are 3 new agencies and 8 new programs in FY24.

Under New Business, Alegria shared the recommendation from the INC Board of Directors to the Virgil Township 708 Board for the proposed 2023 mental health tax levy. The increase would be for the 5% Consumer Price Index (CPI) allowed under the tax cap, plus any additional levy allowed due to new construction. Janecek made the motion to accept the recommendation for the increase to the township board. The motion was seconded by Cheryl O'Brien and passed unanimously. Staff will forward the recommendation to Supervisor Bridget Ruf.

Balija presented the 708 Board with the proposed meeting schedule for 2023-24 and stated that concerns with the schedule can be directed to her.

Alegria reported that Janecek and Yagen terms will expire on June 30, 2023. Janecek graciously declined and Yagen graciously agreed to the re-appointment of another 4-year term. Alegria will request a reappointment from Supervisor Ruf. There is 1 vacancy on the Virgil Township 708 board, and interested candidates can be referred to Alegria.

Balija invited 708 board members to participate in the INC MHA Program Committee and Scholarship Ad-hoc Committee. Description of the committees was reviewed. Board members interested in these committees can contact Balija directly.

Under the Liaison Report, Yagen mentioned that there are 2 vacancies with the INC Board of Directors and interested candidates can contact staff.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Janecek and, with a second by Yagen, it was passed by unanimous vote at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Fabrizius
Secretary