

Aurora Township
Community Mental Health 708 Board Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2023

MINUTES

President Denise Elsbree called the regular meeting of the Aurora Township Mental Health 708 Board to order at 7:01 PM on Monday, June 19, 2023, via conference call.

Members Present: Yolanda Dunn, Denise Elsbree, Joel Grámirez, David Moore

Members Absent: Robert Borchert, Janice Smith, Christine Goerlich Weber

Also present: Dalila Alegria, INC MHA
Colleen Balija, INC MHA

President Elsbree asked for approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2023, meeting. Upon a motion by David Moore and second by Joel Grámirez, 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.

Balija reviewed the unaudited client statistics for the fiscal year through April 30, 2023. She reported that 31,939 Aurora Township residents received 206,344 units of service for that period.

Executive Director Dalila Alegria reviewed the 2022 Tax Extension Report. She reported that the Aurora levy request was \$1,465,539 and the extension is \$1,465,552.

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 Aurora 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. Grámirez made the motion to accept the recommendation for the increase to the township board. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed unanimously. Staff will forward the recommendation to Supervisor William Catching.

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 Grámirez, Janice Smith, and Christine Goerlich Weber terms will expire on June 30, 2023. Alegria will contact Smith and Weber regarding their terms and Gramirez will let staff know of his decision. If agreed upon, Alegria will request reappointments from Supervisor Catching.

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, Elsbree reviewed a few items from the INC Board of Directors meeting in more detail for the Aurora 708 Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Moore and, with a second by Grámirez, it was passed by unanimous vote at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Smith
Secretary