

Blackberry Township  
Community Mental Health 708 Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 3, 2021

MINUTES

President Terry Lanthrum called the regular meeting of the Blackberry Township Mental Health 708 Board to order at 7:02 PM on Thursday, June 3, 2021 via conference call.

Members Present: Stephanie Butler, Judie Childress, Donna Harner, Terry Lanthrum

Members Absent: Lois Mack, Tim Norris, Caryn Spitzzeri

Also present: Dalila Alegria, INC Board  
Colleen Balija, INC Board  
Jennifer Long, Conley Outreach

President Lanthrum asked for approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting. Upon a motion by Judie Childress and second by Donna Harner, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Conley Outreach Executive Director Jennifer Long gave the West Towns report on the clients and activities of Conley Outreach. She explained the Community Care Team activities that will be occurring in the summer and an update on the Kaneland Community Partners for Healthy Youth Coalition.

Under Staff Report, Operations Manager Colleen Balija reviewed the Financial Report. She reviewed the INC Board finances for the period through April 30, 2021. Overall, Net Income is \$512,575.

Balija reviewed the unaudited client statistics for the fiscal year through April 30, 2021. She reported that 163 Blackberry Township residents received 2,243 units of service for that period. She also presented the building statistics for the same period, reporting that 4 Blackberry residents received 331 units of service.

Executive Director Dalila Alegria reviewed the 2020 Tax Extension Report. She reported that the levy request was \$58,789 and the extension is \$58,459.

Alegria reviewed the preliminary 2021-2022 budget and noted changes to several items while offering explanations.

Balija presented the approved 2021-2022 Allocations. She reported that the INC Board approved the recommendation by the Program Committee to fund existing agencies at the same level as FY21.

Under Other, Alegria reported that INC staff participated in the Elburn Health Fair in May and thanked Stephanie Butler for suggesting the event to INC and donating her space.

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Under New Business, Alegria shared the recommendation from the INC Board to the Blackberry Township 708 Board for the proposed 2021 mental health tax levy. The increase would be for the 1.4% Consumer Price Index (CPI) allowed under the tax cap, plus any additional levy allowed due to new construction. Butler made the motion to accept the recommendation for the increase to the township board. The motion was seconded by Harner and passed unanimously. Staff will forward the recommendation to Supervisor Esther Steel.

Balija presented the 708 Board with the proposed meeting schedule for 2021-22. Board members may contact Balija with questions or conflicts to the meeting schedule.

Alegria reported that Tim Norris' term will expire on June 30, 2021. Norris was absent from the meeting and Alegria will contact him regarding re-appointment to another 4-year term. The request for re-appointment will be sent to Supervisor Esther Steel.

Balija invited 708 board members to participate in one of two different INC Board committees. Descriptions of each committee were discussed and interested board members should contact Balija directly.

Under Liaison Report, Alegria reviewed a few items from the INC Board meeting in more detail for the Blackberry 708 Board.

Under 708 Board Input on INC Board Website, Balija invited the 708 board to recommend improvements to the INC website that are more user friendly and informative for the board and residents at large. Recommendations can be sent to Balija.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Butler and, with a second by Harner, it was passed by unanimous vote at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Harner  
Secretary