



McHenry County
Mental Health Board - Regular Meeting
MINUTES

May 23, 2023, 6:00 PM
Mental Health Board - Main Floor Conference Room
620 Dakota St., Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Members Present: Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, Connee Meschini

1. CALL TO ORDER - C. MESCHINI

Meeting called to order at: 6:00pm by Connee Meschini

Also in attendance: Leonetta Rizzi, Melanie Duran, Karin Frisk, Bridget Geenen, and members of the public and provider agencies.

Mover: Adam Carson

Secunder: Mike Baber

To Amend the Agenda and Remove items 8.d 202305-22 Additional Funding Request - Independence Health and Therapy and 8.h 202305-26 Additional Funding Request - Home of the Sparrow

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT-VIA CALL IN OR 24-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE TO BGEENEN@MC708.ORG

Christine Grierson of New Directions gives the overview of the A Way Out program and the sober living program. The main population is under/noninsured and without grant money these services could not be provided and many would be homeless.

Bob Tanner of Greater Family Health thanks the MHB for the support. MHB support for face-to-face psychiatry, BH integration therapy services and MAT services have been instrumental helping the community. He urges the MHB to pass the FY24 budget as presented, and states affordable services are necessary for all to be able to contribute to society.

Carrie Estrada of NW Casa stated they are the first responders to all sexual violence in the county. There are reports that adolescent girls reporting sexual assault is at the highest rate ever and provides other statistics regarding the vulnerable members of the community. There is a frozen position at the NW Casa and workforce

crisis issue due to lack of ability to pay enough. C. Estrada requests increased funding in budget to help community.

Lou Ness, County Board Member, pleads to the MHB to lead and advocate for the need of the agencies and fund those who cannot fund themselves. She encourages the MHB to ask for what is needed and then the County Board and MHB will then work together to provide a budget.

Jeff Thorsen, citizen, states that the MHB needs to do a spend down plan as provided in the current agenda packet due to fund balance. MHB has to say no to some providers due to certain criteria/standards, but MHB also represents taxpayers as stewards of their money. If anyone is saying that this budget is doable, it is not due to PTELL. The County Board appointed MHB members and should be respectful of the ask.

Lori Parrish of Samaritan asks to have item 8.g to be removed from the agenda as Samaritan Counseling is able to meet the cost of the medical records retention. As a former County Board Member, she thanks all County Board Members for attending and encourages the MHB to have the courage to make the ask for what is needed so we can serve the community.

Virginia Sullivan of New Directions was a client of New Directions and is now a case manager at New Directions. Funding is imperative and transportation is currently a struggle and appreciates all the support.

Patrick Slocum of Live4Lali gives the training and distributions statistics from April and urges the MHB to ask for funding.

Susan Perkins of Options & Advocacy Autism Resource Center encourages the MHB to ask for the increased funding to be able to continue quality of care in our county. Advocate for us and tell the county the needs so they are aware.

Bobby Gattone of New Directions speaks to the emergency funding request stating transportation is a challenge for them with a unique and urgent request for the vehicle. Also states that one of the strengths of this county is the support and network in McHenry County and the programs MHB funds is saving lives and increased funding is encouraged.

Thom Faber of NAMI thank you for all the past and current support. Have the courage to ask for what is needed as we won't have programs and services if we do not have the people to staff them.

Suzanne Hoban of Family Health Partnership Clinic thanks the MHB for incredible support over the last year. She gives statistics of fair or poor mental health. We can do hard things but need the MHB to do hard things with them.

Emily Fencl of Clearbrook encourages the MHB to approve the budget with the \$2.5 million ask from the county. Providers are closing and reducing services and concerned there will be more if there is not increased funding.

Jim Wiseman of NISRA states we are finally getting back to pre-covid numbers and asks the MHB not to be short sighted. Gives an example of wheelchair accessible buses cost were \$65,000 prior to Covid and now cost \$111,000 and standard buses costs were \$55,000 prior to Covid and now cost \$90,000 and the cost of staff has increased with minimum wage going up. Please support increase in levy.

Mary Kate of Options & Advocacy Autism Resource Center and states over last year there is a large increase in crisis cases, calls, intake and screening for autism. Large demand in schools and at home. There is a team of 7 supporting all of McHenry County. Hoping for more support and solutions to support families and staff.

Alex Mathiesen of Live4Lali says thank you to all for what is being done for our county. Gives personal story and states that had the current programs been in place years ago many of his friends would still be alive. Please make the ask to keep things going forward.

Karen Gill who is a local educator and a mother. She provides the story of her family and their journey with mental health in their household. She states there are gaps in services that have forced them to go out of the county and there needs to be more services and staffing and we cannot go backwards.

Vail Smith peer support specialist and on the board for Live4Lali. He shares a story of the danger of drugs and personal loss from overdose. Peer support is a necessity in recovery.

Mike Shorten, McHenry County Board Member and 20+ year resident of McHenry County, states you have support of the County Board. The budget presented is a 25% increase and a budget like this could never pass in any level of government. He would not support this as presented. Asking taxpayers to increase taxes and other agencies to take a reduction to fund MHB is not feasible.

Jim Kearns, McHenry County Board Member, states that the MHB budget is not getting a cut. The MHB Finance & Audit Committee's original proposal is in line with the PTELL law. MHB is part of the county aggregate levy and has to share that with the other agencies. Agencies need to seek other funding sources in addition to the MHB funding. The County Board budget is not decided until November and asks that the MHB to provide agencies multi-scenario funding in the event that the funding is different than requested.

Winter Noe from Options and Advocacy and a citizen stated agencies are requesting what they need because that is their job and the MHB should request what they are in need of.

Miriam Figueroa of YFC asking for support of the capital request and invites all agencies and communities to collaborate with YFC. YFC receives a large volume of crisis calls from the Spanish community as they are more comfortable calling YFC versus crisis lines.

Lupe Ortiz of YFC echoes what others have stated and speaks to the capital request on the agenda. She explains the reason for the need for the emergency in regard to timing of the purchase of the building.

Brenda Napholz from The Break states that her family has had to go out of the county for services as well and that is not acceptable. She states that there is great collaboration among agencies, and she has worked along almost every agency in the room. The MHB funded Trauma Informed change team run by Gary Rukin is attended by all the agencies and she shares some data provided.

Frank Samuel - Pioneer Center - Emailed - Pioneer Center values the funding and support it continues to receive from the State, County and Mental Health Board. We are grateful for all your support and partnership over the many years. We celebrate 65 years this year, a testimony to our "passion to serve and commitment to care" for the ever-increasing needs across our three Pillars of Services – Developmental Disabilities, Behavioral Health and Homeless Services. We couldn't do this without your funding and partnership. We support increases in funding across all our current sources, State, County and Mental Health Board and will work with each and all, and other Providers to allocate these funds effectively to meet the needs of the community.

Mover: Paula Yensen

Secunder: Greg Alexander

To Amend the Agenda and Remove items 8.g 202305-25 Funding Request - Samaritan Medical Records storage costs

Approved by Voice

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FOR ACTION

Mover: Paula Yensen

Secunder: Amy Rath

Approve previous minutes

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

3.1 Minutes of the April 25, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

4. PRESENTATION

5. REPORTS

5.1 President's Report - C. Meschini

5.1.a NatCon23

NatCon23 was attended and members stated that programs overall were not as good as in the past.

5.1.b Town Hall

There were about 110 attendees and there is a summary of the evaluations at each member's desk.

5.1.c Board Self-Assessments - will be distributed next week & due June 9, 2023

5.1.d June Officer Elections

Please let C. Meschini know if you want to be considered for a MHB Officer position.

5.1.e 2023 Distinguished Service Award sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA)

M. Baber attended the awards and states Leonetta Rizzi received the Distinguished Service Award and is proud that MHB has her as the Executive Director.

5.1.f President's Packet of Upcoming Events

See packet for all training and announcements.

5.2 Director's Report - L. Rizzi

ED summarizes and highlights portions of the Executive Directors report which begins on page 25 in the agenda packet and can be read in full.

The MHB survey was well received and some of the MHB Members will give some overview of the results later in the meeting.

May 11, 2023 Town Hall was very successful with over 100 in attendance including MHB and staff. Very happy with the public attendance this year. Highlights are being populated which will be shared and also feed our 3-YP.

HB1364 CESSA and Involuntary Commitment Provision - HB 1364 will be used as a vehicle to pass language that extends the Act's effective date by one year to July 1, 2024. This will provide additional time for the Statewide Advisory Committee and Regional Advisory Committees to continue the work. DMH will be required to submit quarterly reports on the progress of the work. Also, the language clarifies that the involuntary commitment section is also extended to July 1, 2024, even if the other conditions in the Act are met. There is also a commitment to work collaboratively over the summer to find a solution that works for all.

HB2365 Social Work-Exam Alternate - Last action: Rule 2-10 Third Reading Deadline Established As May 19, 2023 This bill did pass and we are the first state across the United States to have an alternate path to pass.

Professional Development Series – Top Take-Aways for Volunteer Board Governance: June 20, 2023 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

5.3 MHB Ad Hoc Committee 3YP Stakeholder Survey

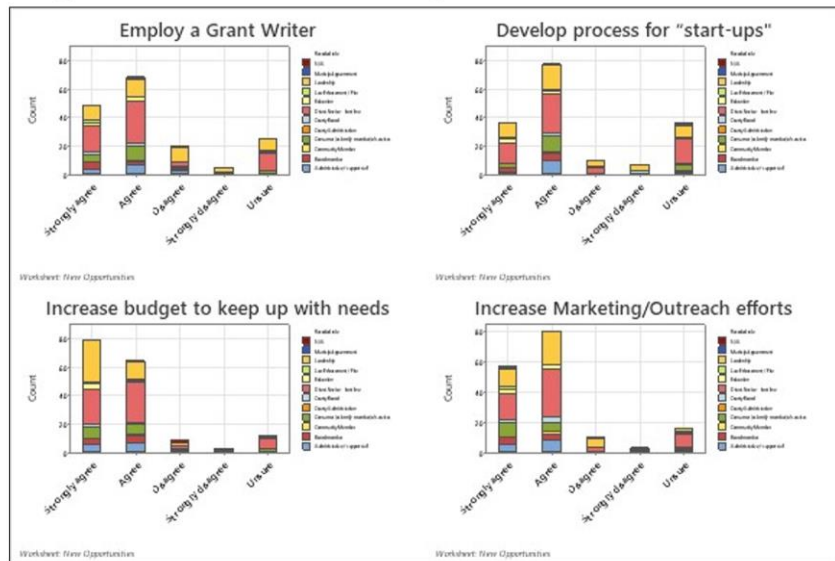
A. Rath stated her focus was on the demographic analysis and G. Alexander can speak to overall results referencing a PowerPoint presentation.

In terms of overall feedback and who submitted it:

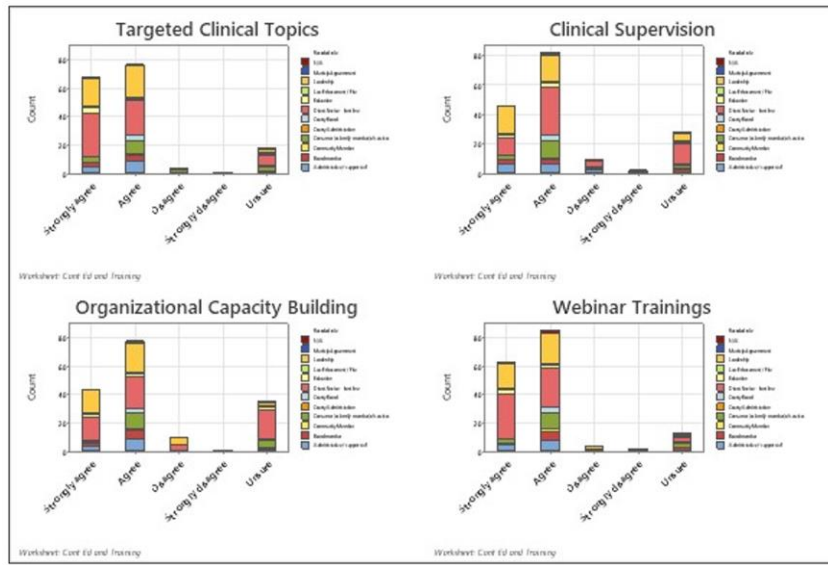
1. 224 responses to the Needs Assessment
 - a. 61 (27%) were either a Board Member or funded agency
 - b. 39 (17%) Network Council members
 - c. 29 (13%) Consumer or family member of a Consumer of services
 - d. 86 (38%) Direct Service (front line working with the public) = largest single group of respondents
2. Top 3 mental health needs as consistently identified across all demographics were
 - a. Increased Youth and Adolescent Outpatient Mental Health Services
 - b. Inpatient Youth and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services located in McHenry County
 - c. Increased access to Psychiatrist / Prescriber outpatient Mental Health services
3. Strong Agreement across all demographics that the McMHB should:
 - a. increase budget to keep up with community needs, provider growth, innovations and new funding applications.
 - b. increase marketing / outreach efforts and resources to further develop awareness
4. Agreement across all demographics that the McMHB should:
 - a. employ a Grant Writer
 - b. develop a process to support "start up" / grassroots orgs in their planning process enabling them to meet McMHB funding requirements
5. Consumer / Direct Service Provider feedback. This was analyzed to understand whether there were discrepancies between areas of need as identified by consumers, vs as identified by Direct Service Providers.
 - a. For the most part, Consumers tended to express greater agreement for needs or identify areas as major needs more often than the Direct Providers, however there was not a large disparity overall. So, if a Consumer thought something was a Major Need, then Direct Providers tended to also identify this as a Major Need as well (vs a Moderate or Minor need). However, a couple items which stood out were:
 - a. Mental Health: Increased evening and weekend programming/events for youth and adolescents (seen as a stronger need by Consumers)
 - b. Mental Health: Specialized LGBTQ Outpatient Services
 - c. In almost ALL I/DD areas, the Direct Service Providers tended to more often Strongly Agree with statements or express something as more of a Major Need than the Consumers did. This was the only area of the assessment where this consistently occurred. The rates of agreement were very close between these two audiences, though. Relative to I/DD, one area where Consumers saw a greater need than Direct Providers was Increased Early Identification Programming. This could indicate a greater understanding of the "big picture" of I/DD services by the Direct Providers aside from Early Identification programs.

6. Board & County Board / Direct Service Provider feedback: I analyzed whether there were discrepancies between needs identified by Direct Service Providers and how these were perceived by respondents who said they were either on the MHB or County Board. There were some very large differences; here are a couple of items which particularly stood out.
 - a. In most cases Direct Service Providers tended to identify greater needs than either the MHB or County Board, however there was generally close alignment between MHB feedback and Direct Providers. In particular there was very close alignment with respect to Substance Use Disorder needs with these two audiences. This indicates to me a very strong understanding on the MHB in the areas of SUD needs in the county.
 - b. There were large differences in responses with respect to I/DD needs for Direct Providers vs County Board. For example, areas identified as a "Major Need" by the Direct Providers being viewed as a "Minor Need" by County Board respondents. In the overall data I/DD also had the highest occurrence of "unsure" responses. This indicates there is a lack of general understanding outside of the I/DD community of consumers and providers regarding this need.
 - c. There were large disparities with respect to ANY LGBTQ+ services / needs across all areas - Mental Health, IDD, Substance Use Disorder - with Direct Service Providers and County Board respondents. This would logically indicate an even greater difference between consumers and County Board respondents. In some cases, this was viewed as "No Need" vs a "Major Need." So, for both LGBTQ+ and I/DD needs and services if we think about outreach those could be recommended areas of focus.

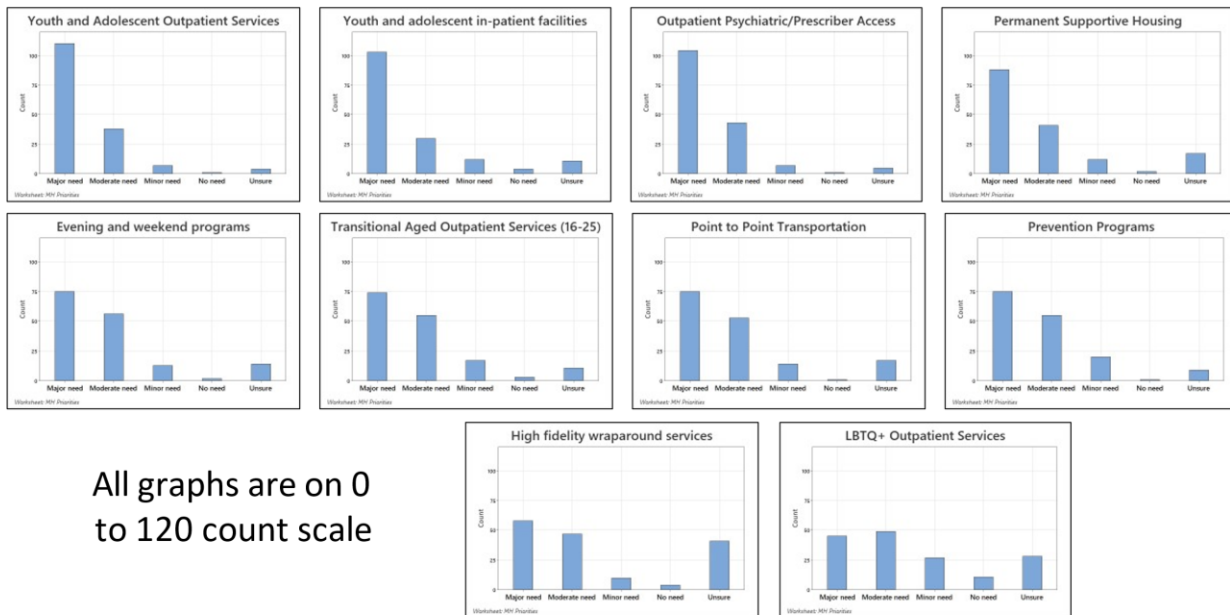
In relation to new opportunities for the MCMHB to assist agencies and stakeholders, the MCMHB should ...



The MCMHB should continue to offer/develop continuing education and training opportunities in ...

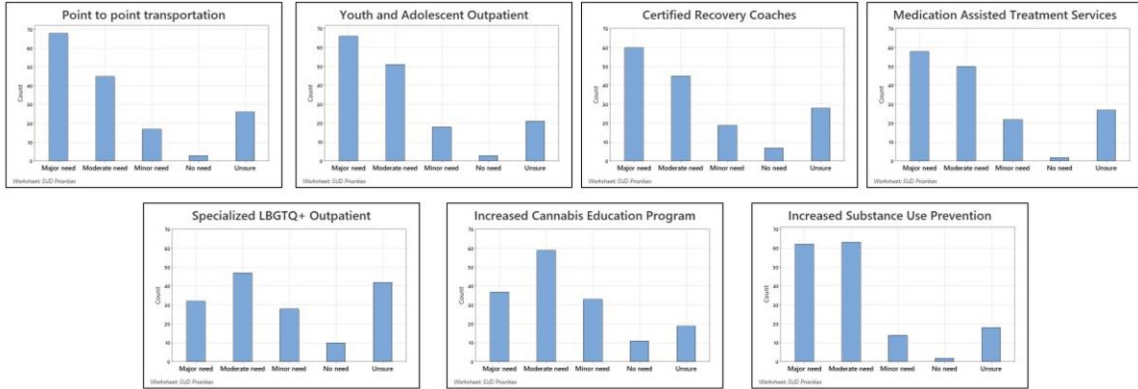


In need of continued or increased attention w/in McH Co – *Mental Health*:



All graphs are on 0 to 120 count scale

In need of continued or increased attention within McHenry County – SUD:



All graphs are on 0 to 70 count scale

In need of continued or increased attention w/in McH Co – IDD:



All graphs are on 0 to 70 count scale

L. Keisman reviewed the qualitative data and addressed the open-ended questions that had write-in comments. The write-in comments were consolidated to a number of categories below:

1. Need to fill gaps of service that people are going out of the county for services
2. Need for access to crisis stabilization
3. More support for the uninsured and underinsured
4. Transportation
5. Psychiatry - especially child and adolescent
6. Access to skilled providers in languages other than English

7. Awareness/reducing stigma
8. More support in the school system
9. Desire for more school professionals to be a part of the conversation
10. Additional prevention services especially in the school system
11. Wrap around services for full continuum of care
12. Supportive housing
13. Hiring issues across the spectrum and providers leaving for the private practice sector

5.4 Finance and Audit Committee - R. Lapinas

The Finance Report can be read in full in the agenda packet starting on page 56.

The usual variance seen is at \$86,165.28 this month due to the timing issue with interest income, payroll, and health insurance.

- Material Administrative Expenses noted:
 - Contractual Services - \$3,880 audio repair conference room, \$1,965 repair projector screen motor, \$1,073 translation of annual report
 - Printing - \$747 annual report printing
 - Maintenance Agreements - \$5,702 annual HVAC contract
 - Legal Services - \$6,337, matters addressed in April – opioid funding, mandated reporting, property tax levy, PTELL, conflict of interest policy, statement of economic interest issues, and attendance at MHB Finance Committee meeting.
 - Computer Equipment > \$5000 - \$17,364 deposit for audio system upgrade
- FY23 Fund Balance Spend Down Plan will be discussed later in this meeting.

5.5 Network Council - P. Yensen

There was a lot of discussion regarding the barriers of diagnosis.

L. Rizzi gave an overview of the MHB budget being presented at tonight's meeting.

There will be a Crisis Training for parents at the MHB.

An overview of the Town Hall was discussed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mover: Adam Carson

Secunder: Mike Baber

To Approve the Consent Agenda

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

6.1 202305-20 Treasurer's Reports for the Period Ending 4/30/2023

7. OLD BUSINESS - FOR DISCUSSION/FOR ACTION

7.1 Fund Balance Spend Down Plan

It has been proposed by the MHB Finance Committee that \$1,000,000 of Fund Balance be utilized to support client services in the FY24 budget. The fund balance utilization will help to maintain the existing service network and provide some growth opportunity. The remaining \$510,567 of the current fund balance would remain in reserve beyond policy/cash needs. The Fund Balance in excess of the Reserve Policy, cash needs, and FY24 utilization shall be made available via Emergency Appropriation in FY23 or within the MCMHB's FY24 budget to support, maintain, and/or develop mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disability prevention, treatment, and recovery support resources and services in accordance with the MCMHB'S 2021-2023 Three Year Plan.

Mover: Amy Rath

Secunder: Christina Bruhn

To adopt the FY23 Fund Balance Reserve Spend Down Plan as presented in the FY23 Fund Balance Reserve Spend Down Plan Document

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

7.2 202305-29 - FY24 Budget

A. Carson states that it is not possible to meet all the need, and everyone is struggling. There needs to be collaboration and consolidation and it would be irresponsible to ask for funds that may not be available.

M. Baber we need to ask for what we want and as a board we should have done this incrementally over the years and this ask is just getting the MHB back to where it needs to be.

R. Lapinas from a fiscal financial standpoint the county is looking at 3 increase tiers (0%, 2.5%, 5%). Initially drafted the 600k request by taking the max 5% increase that is not guaranteed. Concern would be going into the funding cycle that we will fund you one dollar amount if passes and a different if not passed.

G. Alexander asks what the \$2.5 million dollar represents. L. Rizzi states the McHenry County Mental Health Board's budget is less today than it was 10 years ago, and we have been level or flat funding our providers during these years when demands and costs are greater today. The \$2.5 million dollar budget increase will put us back to where we were in 2011 with the ability to fully fund our current providers & community needs while also entertaining new providers into our system of care.

C. Meschini states that asking for \$2.5 million dollars is irresponsible and will be voting no. The county has other departments that need to be considered as well and having their own staffing issues to keep up.

C. Bruhn states that unprecedented times which has created a very large increase in Mental Health needs. Salaries for Mental Health Professionals is an issue and there is a need for these dollars so that MHB can just maintain at the level it is performing.

L. Keisman states that maintaining what we have is her minimum priority and that 600k ask may not be enough to even maintain. Looking ahead to the following agenda items of funding requests the need is growing. We should make the ask and be prepared for with the history of the fund balance and a very detailed back up of need. We need to consistently ask for what is needed from the county each year.

P. Yensen the history of the MHB and County Board have work collaboratively in the past and the issue is that the County Board is charged with a balancing act of one levy affecting the other departments within the county. Not saying one is more important. Chairman Buehler stated there will be 3 budgets created based on 0%, 2.5%, and 5% levy increase and states the MHB should be presenting multiple budgets. Supporting a \$2.5 million ask is unrealistic.

A. Rath states that the agencies have put forward their needs knowing they may not get all and that it is her responsibility to ask the County Board for what the need is.

Members continue conversations regarding the increase and decrease of fund balance as to how it will affect the ask from the County Board.

Mover: Paula Yensen

Secunder: Mike Baber

To adopt the FY24 budget as presented in the packet

Aye (5): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Lindsay Keisman, and Amy Rath

Nay (4): Adam Carson, Ray Lapinas, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (5 to 4)

8. NEW BUSINESS - FOR DISCUSSION/FOR ACTION

8.1 202305-28 RFP Vendor Selection

Mover: Adam Carson

Secunder: Lindsay Keisman

The McHenry County Mental Health Board approves the selection of First Mid Insurance Group, Inc., and directs the Executive Director to execute a contract with the First Mid Insurance Group, Inc., for insurance broker/consultant services as detailed in RFP01-2023 for Provision of Insurance/Broker Consultant Services.

Aye (8): Greg Alexander, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Absent (1): Mike Baber

Recommended (8 to 0)

8.2 FY24 Application Documents for Review

8.2.a Funding Application

8.2.a.a FY24 MHB Annual Funding

Mover: Christina Bruhn

Secunder: Greg Alexander

To approve FY24 Annual Funding Application with suggested amendments provided regarding Evidence Based Practice terminology

Recommended with Changes

8.2.a.b FY24 MHB Opioid Funding

Mover: Ray Lapinas
Second: Lindsay Keisman

To approve FY24 Annual Opioid Funding Application with suggested amendments provided

Approved by Voice

8.2.b Board Evaluation

8.2.b.a FY24 MHB Annual Funding

Mover: Lindsay Keisman
Second: Mike Baber

To approve FY24 Annual Funding Board Evaluation with suggested amendments provided

Approved by Voice

8.2.b.b FY24 MHB Opioid Funding

Mover: Amy Rath
Second: Lindsay Keisman

To approve FY24 Annual Opioid Funding Board Evaluation with suggested amendments provided

Approved by Voice

8.2.c Budget Worksheet

Mover: Ray Lapinas
Second: Lindsay Keisman

To approve FY24 Budget Worksheet

Approved by Voice

8.3 FY23 Unallocated Funds and FY23 Budget - Discussion

Discussion regarding unallocated funds and reallocation of funds to fund current requests.

Mover: Lindsay Keisman
Second: Amy Rath

To request fund reallocation from the County Board of \$114,000 and from County Admin of \$63,000 as discussed.

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

8.4 202305-22 Additional Funding Request - Independence Health & Therapy

Rescinded by Independence Health & Therapy and removed from agenda by MHB vote

The McHenry County Mental Health Board, Board of Directors, directs the Executive Director to contract for additional pay for performance funding of \$96,000 with Independence Health and Therapy to support pediatric and adult psychiatric services.

8.5 202305-23 Additional Funding Request - New Directions Addiction Recovery Services

New Directions Addiction Recovery Services (NDARS) is requesting capital funding of \$17,000 to purchase a used minivan for use at The New Directions Retreat in Woodstock. The vehicle will be used to transport clients to 12-step meetings, IOP appointments, family support groups and other SUD and mental health related appointments.

Mover: Greg Alexander

Second: Christina Bruhn

The McHenry County Mental Health Board, Board of Directors, directs the Executive Director to contract with NDARS for capital funding of \$17,000 to be used for the purchase of a vehicle for client transportation.

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

8.6 202305-24 Additional Funding Request - Clearbrook Choice FFS

For FY23, Clearbrook is receiving \$80,000 in fee for service funding for their Choice program (FY23 funding requested was \$80,000). The current funding is expected to be fully expended by the end of May, projected FY23 utilization is \$152,000. Clearbrook is requesting an additional \$50,000 in FFS funding to support June through November services for 12 individuals not funded through the Home and Community Based Waiver.

Mover: Amy Rath

Second: Christina Bruhn

The McHenry County Mental Health Board, Board of Directors, directs the Executive Director to contract for an additional \$50,000 in fee for service funding for Clearbrook's Choice Program.

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

8.7 202305-25 Funding Request - Samaritan Medical Records storage costs

Rescinded by Samaritan and removed from agenda by MHB vote

8.8 202305-26 Additional Funding Request – Home of the Sparrow

Rescinded by Samaritan and removed from agenda by MHB vote

8.9 202305-27 Capital Request - Youth and Family Center of McHenry County

Youth and Family Services has submitted a capital funding request for \$500,000 to be used for a downpayment of a new facility. The building that YFC would like to purchase is located at 1011 Green Street, McHenry, IL and is 9,000 square feet. The building would be purchased through a public auction in June. YFC currently leases a 3,000 square foot office in McHenry and has outgrown the space.

Mover: Greg Alexander

Seconded: Ray Lapinas

Amendment to motion that the McHenry County Mental Health Board, Board of Directors, directs the Executive Director to contract with Youth and Family Services to provide \$500,000 down to \$250,000 to fund the purchase of a facility in McHenry, IL.

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

Mover: Ray Lapinas

Seconded: Adam Carson

The McHenry County Mental Health Board, Board of Directors, directs the Executive Director to contract with Youth and Family Services to provide \$250,000 to fund the purchase of a facility in McHenry, IL.

Aye (9): Greg Alexander, Mike Baber, Christina Bruhn, Adam Carson, Lindsay Keisman, Ray Lapinas, Amy Rath, Paula Yensen, and Connee Meschini

Recommended (9 to 0)

9. MEMBERS' COMMENT

G. Alexander states the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention posted Talk away the Dark and encourages everyone to watch.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT-VIA CALL IN OR 24-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE TO BGEENEN@MC708.ORG

Lori Parrish attended the Woodstock Community Choir concert where the focus was Mental Health and commends Lindsay Keisman for attending and speaking and helping to reduce the stigma.

Sebastian from YFC gives some history and how the community views YFC and how it started and grew. He thanks the MHB for the support and invites all board members and community members to visit YFC.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - AS NEEDED

No Executive Session

12. ADJOURN

To adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm