

Observer: Pat Blumen

Meeting Began: 7:00pm

Meeting Ended: 8:35pm

Members Present: Karen Reutzel Chair, Sandi Johnson, Becky Feiffer, Irene Ziaya, Mike Pierce Vice-Chair, Jessica Sales.

Staff Present: Jessica Wingader

Chair Reutzel introduced two new MHB Members: Jackie Haimes, Evanston psychiatrist and George Hall, former Albany Care resident & chair of Resident Council for 5 years.

Chair Reutzel announced that Larry Murphy resigned due to conflicts with his teaching schedule.

October and January minutes approved as sufficient quorum was present.

Chair Reutzel announced that Dr. Pat Effiom, Equity and Empowerment Coordinator, who had been scheduled to join the meeting to discuss city goals, was ill and unable to attend.

Public Comment: Metropolitan announced MH & Wellness Fair on 4/28 at Evanston Public Library; also Spring Gala on 4/21 at Evanston Golf Club honoring MH Board as one of two honorees.

Agency Reports:

Jessica Sales:

YOU announced new CEO: Maggie Blinn Dinovi.

CIF is pleased with Conflict Resolution training results and has new Drop-in Center.

NS Senior Center: Applications for benefits ongoing.

Trilogy appt. next week.

Sandi Johnson:

Connections served 90 different men last year in 18 beds; 644 adults and 247 kids. Drop-in now open 5 afternoons/week with shower, nurse practitioner and full-time case manager. Hired outreach specialist (trained SW) in community who served 89 individuals. There are 400 homeless children in our community. Successful fundraiser.

Staff Report (Jessica):

Summary: It sounds like the city has to produce a report in 2021 to HHS for the funds Ev. receives for Erie as Ev. Had been designated a medically-underserved area. It must include who is not being served and how we can serve them. Staff is starting info. collection from Erie. MHB has no direct role but may have info to add from waiting lists noted on grant applications. Also, need to produce a complete health, mental, and physical resource list. List on library website appears out-of-date. MHB to contact their agencies to correct info.

Presence discussed SW at main library with 4 interns now spending half-dat at Main Branch.

Chair Reutzel and Mike Pierce met with Ald. Cicely Fleming, liaison with City Council.

Cicely suggested MHB change their name to more fully reflect their funding roles. Sub-committee appointed (Jessica and Sandy) to come up with discussion points. Cicely also suggested stressing housing priorities and that MHB consider giving start-up funding, time-limited grants.

Jessica will ask what City 2019 goals are to see about MHB alignment.