

**Observer:** Pat Blumen**Meeting Began:** 7:05PM**Meeting Ended:** 8:58 PM**Members Present:** Jackie Haimes, Gnathan Carpenter, Jessica Sales (Chair), Karin Ruetzel, Sandy Johnson, and Becky Feiler (7:08PM)**Staff Present:** Jessica Wingader

Various community agencies were represented.

Minutes of 5/9/19 approved.

Guest Speaker: Dino Robinson, Community Archives Shorefront Legacy

Dino outlined history of African-Americans in Illinois with a specific focus on the north shore and Evanston. Illinois almost became a slave state; instead African-Americans were indentured servants. IL had 1000 sundown towns (there are still 500). Until 1900 there were 200 blacks living in downtown Evanston. Several early blacks who lived in Evanston were entrepreneurs (not domestics) including Josephine Taylor, the Butler Family, William Twiggs. Note: Dino gave a wealth of information and is extremely knowledgeable. Recommend him as a speaker for any interested group.

In this period of debate about Equity and Reparations, it is important to understand the background. Annual budget for Shorefront is \$25 – 30,000 (mostly federal grants). All staff are volunteers.

Public Comment: None.

Liaison Reports:

- Gnathan (Shore Community Services) serve 83 adults/day; include PT, OT and Speech Therapy.
- Gnathan (Connections for the Homeless) serve Evanston and NW suburbs of Chicago; have RN and MD on call with psychiatrist 6 hrs/week. Drop-in serves 55 clts/day.
- Gnathan (Peer Services) serve 75% low income; 40—60% Evanston residents; open 6 days/week; ages 12 to 88 yrs; get no federal funds; \$2 million annual budget.
- Sandy (Harbor) served 3 Ev. Clts. In last qtr: 1 went home; 2 went into transitional housing.
- Karin (YOU) summer program has 400 kids focus on no summer learning loss; program address opportunity gap elementary school (exposure), middle school (what specialty interests student); high school (proficiency: gaining skills); successful partnership with Northwestern students.
- Karin (Trilogy) Typical client is 30 – 50 yr. old African-American male; most referrals from Hilda's place, library social Worker or staff member in ER at St. Francis 20 hours/week; have a close relationship with Connections, which gives clt. voucher to get to Trilogy and helps them apply for Medicaid.

Staff Report: Jessica Wingader discussed proposed timing of 2020 Application process to be firmed up by end of month. Community Needs Survey will be distributed at the end of August (required for federal

funding); says will be translated into Spanish and widely distributed at community events, such as the CommUnity Picnic and Starlight Concerts.

Chair Report: Jessica Sales announced the Mayor is having a Mental Health Roundtable with stakeholders in Evanston. Jessica & Rebecca will represent MHB. Jessica plans to mention MHB Draft Priorities, Service Gaps and Chain of Communication. Announced that it is Karin Ruetzel's last meeting after 8 yrs. of service and expressed gratitude. More MHB members needed.