

Observer Report

Committee: **Mental Health Board**
Observer: **Pat Blumen**
Meeting Began: **7:05PM**

Date: **2/14/19**

Meeting Ended: **8:43PM**

Members Present: Jessica Sales, Chair, Jackie Haines, Irene Zaya, Sandi Johnson, Becky Feiler, new member: Heather Perkins (Stay-at-Home Mom SSA Grad), new member: Gnathan Carpenter (Nurse for Psych. Research at NorthShore). Absent: Mike Pierce, Karin Ruetzel.

Staff Present: Jessica Wingader

Audience: Several Agency Representatives, including new ED for North Shore Senior Center (formerly at Kenneth Young Centers).

Minutes of 11/29/18 approved.

Lengthy discussion of Zoom Grant Application and Process, focusing mainly on linking the Scoring Questions with specific items in the Zoom Grant Application. Some items were moved into the section, some were consolidated and some were reordered. Format to include bulleting where possible; age breakdowns to include ranges. Jessica will submit a draft of the suggested changes at the next meeting.

City will be working on the consolidated goals for the 2020 plan. Will hopefully be available for next grant cycle so that requests can conform to goals.

MHB felt that its purview falls under the following Evanston Livability Principles and Checklist:
Support Vibrant, Connected and Diverse Culture
Protect Inclusive Access for All Community Members
Support Strong and Safe Communities

Agenda item for March/April will be a discussion about the meaning of 0 –5 on the scoring tool and developing a consistent method of scoring instead of changing every year as well as Vision for 2019.

Jessica Sales suggested inviting panels of community representatives from e.g. faith communities, EMTs, ombudsman, age-friendly to present needs they are seeing in their daily work as a backdrop to setting the vision for 2019. Again the issue came up about advocating for identified unmet needs in the community. (It was clarified in the past by Michelle from Legal that advocacy was NOT in the mandate of the MHB.) Jessica Wingader to look into further clarification with the Human Services Committee.

Board agreed to hear panels in March and April. In April meeting a subcommittee of 2 would be selected to work on Vision. Recommendations would be presented to full Board at May meeting. In June, they would be presented to the Human Services Committee and in July to the city.

Other suggestions included having suggestion boxes placed in the community to learn more about needs in the community.

A Mental Health Fair is being planned. An email will be sent to the Human Services Committee asking that a table for MHB be set up at the fair.

Liason assignments were made; each member has 2 and Jessica has 3 agencies.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 3/14 7:00PM in Room 2402.