



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2025

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, January 27, 2025, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg; Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; Sophia Mallis; Hon Russell W. Hartigan; Al Dorobiala; William Seith; Barbara Minneci; and Erin Miller.

Commissioner(s) Absent: Steve Palmer.

Staff Present: Jazmin Lopez, Executive Director; Mariam Ahmad, Executive Administrator; Julia Bravo Bolec, Outreach Coordinator; and Cathy Pierson Lenke, Program Manager.

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: N/A

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Dorobiala to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Hartigan to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jazmin shared information regarding her attending the Community Convening on Latine Older Adults hosted by Aging Care Connections, Age Options, Healthy Communities

Foundation, and the Community Memorial Foundation. We will participate in a working group to identify the needs of each community and advocate for the development of programs to address them.

Rotary Club of LaGrange's Secret Santa Giveaway

The Commission volunteered at the Rotary Club of LaGrange's Secret Santa Giveaway on Thursday, December 12 at the LaGrange Park District. The giveaways were bags that included winterwear, toys, and other items for children and teens serviced by Pillars Community Health. We handed out postcards with our website information so recipients can access our online Resource Guide.

Youth Mental Health First Aid in Spanish

We partnered with NAMI Metro Suburban and the Summit Public Library to facilitate a Youth Mental Health First Aid training in Spanish. A total of 8 adults completed the training.

We also partnered with Cicero Family Services to host another YMHFA training in Spanish on January 16 and a total of 6 adults completed the training.

The next training in English will be at the Bridgeview Public Library on January 31.

FAST Program

The youth group of the FAST Program started meeting three weeks before the family sessions began. The FAST Program at Heritage Middle School in Summit started on January 9 with a total of seven, sixth- and seventh-grade participants, and recruitment is ongoing. The FAST Program at Willow Springs School starts on February 4.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Beds Plus Annual Fundraiser will be held on February 2, 2025. Commissioner Hon Hartigan, Commissioner Minneci, and Commissioner Miller plan to attend the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mental Health & Wellness in 2025 | January 22, 2025

Grant Applications open January 31, 2025

Building Inclusive Communities Conference | February 8, 2025

Pillars Community Health's Annual Gala will be held on February 22, 2025. The Commission decided to purchase a table to attend the event.

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report dated January 27, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of November 30, 2024:	\$3,005,054.28
Receipts during December 2024:	\$ 50,577.99
Disbursements during December 2024:	\$ 374,667.00
Ending Balance as of January 27, 2025:	\$2,680,965.27

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Clemons to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated January 27, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Barbara Minneci, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Thirty-Six (36) Payables totaling \$366,261.00 dated January 27, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Hartigan and seconded by Seith to approve the Monthly Payables dated January 27, 2025, as presented; Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Barbara Minneci, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Hartigan and seconded by Clemons at 6:21 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary