

**ILLINOIS MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Development Committee – Thursday, October 29, 2020, 3:30 PM**

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks:** Co-Chair Ron Melka called the WebEx meeting to order at 3:04 PM. Committee Members present were Ron Melka, Ray O'Connor, and Nanette Larson. DHS staff members Lisa Betz and Irwin Kerzner were also present.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Ray moved, and Nanette seconded to approve the agenda.
- III. **Approval of the September 2, 2020 minutes:** Nanette moved, and Ray seconded that the minutes of the September 2, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.
- IV. **Resignations:** Irwin notified the Committee that Tracy Hopkins resigned due to personal reasons.
- V. **Application for new membership:** There were 14 requests for membership application information and 12 resumes/application letters were submitted. All Committee members received the applications in a shared Drop Box folder from Ron Melka, along with a spreadsheet summarizing the applications. The applicants are:

**Joan Hartman**

**Daniel M.O. Frey**

**William Korte**

**John Reith**

**Robert J. Dean Phillips**

**Michael Davis Sr.**

**Erin Brumfield Grima**

**Dr. Laura Gilbert Gerber, PhD**

**Mike Miroux**

**Isaac Palmer**

**Joseph J. Harper**

**Dr. Rashad K. Saafir**

Ron reviewed each candidate with the committee and the committee recommended the group unanimously to be brought up for membership at the next IMHPAC meeting.

There were also several current IMHPAC members whose terms are expiring December 31, 2020. The committee recommended that the following members terms be renewed for another 3-year term.

**Andrea Cooke**

**Ray Connor**

**Sondra Frazier**

**Fred Freedman**

**Susan Schroeder**

**Joan Lodge**

**Meg Lewis**

**(A vote is needed either as a group or individually on all candidates, both new and returning.)**

If all new and returning candidates are approved by the Council, we will have a total of 55 members with 16 consumers (direct/family/SED), 14 providers, 7 state employees, and 7 other representatives. This meets the SAMHSA criteria of not having a majority of members that are providers or state employees.

AJ French notified the Council that she is not continuing on as a member of the council. The Committee is saddened to see her leave as she has been so active and helpful in various leadership roles in the council and wishes her well in all she does in the future. AJ informed us that she wishes to say a few words.

- VI. **Recruitment of Potential Council Members and Officers:** Ron stated that we always need consumers and that we should target our efforts to that in the future.
- VII. Ron also notified the Committee that **he has received no nominations to replace the officers** that have chosen to leave their positions mid-term, that of Provider Co-Chair, and Secretary. Irwin informed the Committee that Tracy Hopkins was the Treasurer, and her resignation. **A call for nominations from the floor for these three positions will need to be part of the Committee's report at the IMHPAC meeting. This will need to be a separate agenda item.**
- VIII. **Member Surveys:** Ron asked Irwin to lead the discussion on the demographic survey we approved at the last meeting. He stated that he submitted it to the IT department for assistance with the content and data; and will report back next meeting.
- IX. **Public Comment:** None. Ron stated that he will be unable to attend next week's meeting and Co-Chair Fred Freedman will present the report and the slate of candidates.
- X. **Adjournment:** Ray moved; Ron seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:02PM.