

IMHC
Meeting via Zoom
December 12, 2021 1- 3 pm

PRESENT

Jolene LeRoy, Amita Mercy. Faith Community Nurse; IMHC President
 Rita Rippentrop, LCPC, Stenzel Clinical Services; IMHC Secretary
 Darryl Jenkins, Pastor Community Church, Itasca; IMHC VP
 Robert Skrocki, IMHC Communications
 Venoncia Bate-Ambrus, Loyola Medicine; IMHC Leadership at Large
 Karen Doyle, DuPage Health Coalition
 William Hood, WRAP Trainer

| Time | Activity | Leader | Goal |
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| 1:07 PM | Reflection, Welcome and introductions | Jolene | Introduce everyone in the event |
| 1:10 PM | Sharing of favorite holiday traditions | Jolene | Learn about some of our member's favorite holiday traditions |
| <p>Maya Angelo, Amazing Peace poem Howard Thurman, The Work of Christmas Christmas carols Christmas day dinner: birthday cake for Jesus, sang happy birthday to Jesus Midnight mass Letter from parent of how special you/child are to them; music, spatula becomes microphone. Galatians 6:9</p> | | | |
| 1:30 PM | Share what we value about our work with IMHC this past year | Jolene | Learn/ remember what we accomplished |
| <p>Connections Wonderful panels, worthy of conference venues; YouTube channel, IMHC, link on website. Infrastructure adjusted, G-mail account in the cloud; peace of mind for Robert. Resource repository, collaboration with Center for Faith and Community Health. Continued collaboration Flexibility and availability with zoom. QPR training via zoom in particular Passion each person makes time that allow coalition to move forward and meet changing needs.</p> | | | |

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| 1:50 PM | <p>Slate of officers for 2022: President: Darryl Jenkins Vice President: Suzanne Martinez Treasurer: <i>Robert Skrocki, interim</i> Secretary: Rita Rippentrop Board Members at Large: Jolene LeRoy Venoncia Bate-Ambrus, Invited nominations from the floor as well (including self-nominations) <u>Slate of officers and board members at large above was unanimously approved.</u></p> | Jolene | Vote on new officers for 2022 |
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Motion made by Rita; Venoncia seconded; carries.
Jolene reflection as President, and VP prior; gratitude for all people learned from and served with other Board members.
IMHC will be supportive of Denise Esbree as she had to say “not at this time”. IMHC is grateful for her service and commitment to our mission.

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| 2:00 PM | Present proposed bylaws changes related to new officers ^[1] ... note that current bylaws are available on IMHC website. https://interfaithmhc.org/bylaws | New president | Discuss, possibly amend, make a motion and vote to approve at our next meeting in January (per bylaws 15 day waiting period before vote) |
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In coming months, IMHC will look at revising bylaws service of roles of officers. Draft proposal for February meeting. Board meeting January 18th 2 pm.

In particular, to propose amendment to terms: President’s term would be 3 years, rather than 1 year. Consider a cap for President. Consider ensuring ways to shorten term as needed/appropriate. Draft a mechanism that states term length is flexible.

[1] (below is proposed bylaws draft additional wording, which is bolded, underlined, italicized ... proposed deleted wording is crossed out)

Article II.

Section 1: Mission

The Coalition works to improve the coordination of services between mental health providers and religious organizations so as to better support the needs of persons with mental ***health challenges*** illnesses and their families, to increase access, reduce stigma and ***to promote mental wellness by strengthening cultural relations.*** ~~raise awareness of persons with mental illnesses in faith communities.~~

Section 2: Vision.

The Interfaith Mental Health Coalition envisions that all persons ***whose mental wellness is*** affected by mental illness, ***and the larger context of cultural and ethnic relations***, will experience connectedness, hope, resiliency and recovery through faith communities.

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| <p>2:10 PM</p> | <p>Further planning for 2022</p> <p>Goal 1. Local geographic cluster development. (starting with areas and people that have had, or currently have, cluster organizing going on) People from those clusters could connect regularly to encourage and support each other's efforts. Jolene LeRoy agreed to be the contact person, at 630.220.9983, email jolenel@olmercy.com. Robert Skrocki also agreed to help.</p> <p>Goal 2. Plan an event in the first quarter of 2022 at central location (Itasca?) to honor/ appreciate first responders and raise awareness of IMHC. Darryl Jenkins agreed to be contact person, at 630.809.9698 or email drdarryljenkins@gmail.com). Jolene LeRoy, Dave Penner, Venoncia Bate-Ambrus (Venoncia.Bate-Ambrus@luhs.org) agreed to help.</p> <p>Goal 3. Create a description of IMHC to help us raise our profile and promote our mission. Dave Penner agreed to be the point person, phone 847-359-3451, email dave@poppalatine.org . Karen Doyle also agreed to help (Kdoyle@accessdupage.org). Barbara Wilson (bwilson@chicagopresbytery.org) is also interested.</p> <p>Goal 4. Begin work on a faith/ mental health resource repository. Robert Skrocki (630.802.0769, email bpskrocki@comcast.net) agreed to be the point person. Denise Elsbree (630.383.9353, email deniseelsbree22@gmail.com) and Dave Penner are also helping.</p> | <p>New president</p> | <p>Support and promote the work of the committees, in particular the upcoming February event (Goal 2)</p> |
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Goal 1: Companionship instructors available for training in clusters. Robert and Jolene will meet to discuss

Goal 2: celebrate first responders in the first quarter; virtual or in person; raise awareness around cultural relations that exist; consider use of social determinants language; mindful around language, inclusivity and gendered language; video clip of IMHC. Darryl, Dave, Venoncia will work on the committee. Possible at Itasca Country Club. Consider sponsorship and/or donors; send potential sponsors or donors to Robert. Target date for February 2021

Goal 3: Marketing material describing IMHC, Committee: Dave, Karen, Barb Wilson

Goal 4: Resource repository Committee: Robert, Denise and Dave; work closely with Center for Faith; Venoncia volunteered to assist. Work on target dates for movement on this project.

Work on target goals for each goal.

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| 2:27 PM | Closing and planning for next meeting | New president | |
| <p>Grateful heart with love and joy. Seeing potential of IMHC going forward. Rita moved to adjourn, Venoncia seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm IMHC Board meeting January 18th, 2 pm Next IMHC meeting February 15th, 1-3 pm</p> | | | |