

**BUILDING
A HEALTHY
COMMUNITY IS LIKE
BUILDING A GREAT HOUSE!**

Every building needs a strong foundation.

A healthy community requires community resources, social relationships, education, and opportunities to thrive.

Construction is a process not an event.

Ongoing work and maintenance is part of the job. *A mental health board that plans for the future can do this!*

Structures can be threatened by unpredictable weather.

Outside forces can destroy improperly constructed houses. Inadequate funding from the state is one such storm that threatens services in Lisle Township. *We need local solutions for local problems!*

The material available affects the building process.

Lisle Township residents are caring, compassionate, and concerned. We have a long history of support for persons with developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

Construction of a house requires specialists--architects, electricians, plumbers, and others to coordinate and work together.

Lisle Township has quality providers like NAMI DuPage, Ray Graham Association, Teen Parent Connection, Youth Outlook, and many more.

Lisle Township Mental Health Board

**Local solutions for
Local problems!**



on
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

HOW WILL THE QUESTION APPEAR ON THE BALLOT?

"Shall Lisle Township levy an annual tax not to exceed 0.15% for the purpose of providing community mental health facilities and services including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability or a substance abuse disorder, which levy will have a single additional tax of a maximum of .15% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein extended for such purposes?"



WHAT ARE THE THREE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF A MENTAL HEALTH BOARD?

1. Protect and advocate for the rights of persons with mental health concerns, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and/or substance abuse issues.
2. Make funding and service decisions for individuals in Lisle Township in need of these human services.
3. Monitor the use of funds.

WHAT ELSE?

- No member shall receive payment, except expenses, for service on the board.
- Must hold public meetings quarterly.
- Review service needs and requirements.
- Review and approve requests for funds.
- Develop annual budget and fulfill reporting requirements.
- Funds support and expand already existing services, not duplicate them.

HOW IS A MENTAL HEALTH BOARD STRUCTURED?

- Seven members are appointed by the Lisle Township Board.
- Composed of residents from the Township that will be a representative for interested groups in the community, as well as the general public.
- Only one member shall be a member of the governing body, in this case, the township board.
- No members can be directly affiliated with any facility or service under contract to the board.
- Funds are placed in a community mental health fund and are limited to the purposes specified in the Illinois statute.

WHAT NEEDS FIXING IN LISLE TOWNSHIP?

- There is a crisis in state funding that will not end. Programs have been cut, services reduced, and jobs lost.
- Law enforcement is burdened by high costs and increased liability caused by mental health problems that could be more effectively addressed in the community. Lisle Township Mental Health-related calls to police:
 - Naperville over 1,000 calls in 2021
 - Lisle increased by 7x from 2020 to 2021.
 - Woodridge reported a 16% increase from 2020 and a 38% increase from 2019
- Increased congestion in hospital's EDs caused by persons experiencing mental health or substance use emergencies.
- Young adults with special needs, soon to graduate have few options and may wait up to three years for services.
- Overdose deaths were up 33% in Illinois in 2020 and up 17% in DuPage County.
- The average delay between symptom onset and treatment is 11 years.
- The youth in our community have started school mental health groups and have lobbied state representatives for help with mental health issues.

HOW COMMON ARE THESE BOARDS?

80 Community Mental Health Boards have been created across Illinois, but there are only two in DuPage County, which has nearly one million residents. This November, Addison, Naperville, and Winfield Townships, Will County, and Vernon, Wheeling and Schaumburg Townships will all have mental health board referendum questions on their ballots.

HOW MUCH COULD THIS COST ME AT MOST?

Since Lisle Township has a large tax base, the maximum tax rate of 0.15% (.0015) does **not** need to be levied.

For a 1 million levy, the levy would be set at 0.019% (.00019):

Total tax for the owner of a \$300,000 home: \$19 (\$1.58/month)

Total tax for the owner of a \$500,000 home: \$32 (\$2.67/month)

Total tax for the owner of a \$1,000,000 home: \$63 (\$5.27/month)

TO CALCULATE THE SPECIFIC INPUT TO YOUR TAX BILL:

Multiply the assessed value* (on your tax bill) by .00019 for 1 million levy .

*Assessed value is approximately 1/3 the fair cash value of your home.

 **VOTE YES!**
Lisle Township
708 Mental Health Board 

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