

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

August 25, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Cruthers at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers, Kathy Biesiadecki, Matthew Steichmann, Deb Sirchia (6:38), Mary Jane Garvey, Trustee Khaja Moinuddin, Faiza Rahim. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager, Vicki Jacobson of Girl Scouts, Kimberly Bianchini of Advanced Preschool, David Boggs of Clearbrook, and Amanda Woods of Fellowship Housing.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of August 25, 2020 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. The motion was approved.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: The Board heard four different presentations. The first was from Vicki Jacobson of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. She presented the Challenge request regarding Project IDEA. Ms. Jacobson explained the program is geared toward Latinx girls. Ms. Biesiadecki asked for clarification on how the program is different than the currently funded program. Ms. Jacobson stated that the new program is targeted toward Latinx girls. The Board heard next from Kimberly Bianchini of Advanced Preschool. Ms. Bianchini presented the Challenge funding request regarding a new program for older children in need of childcare due to COVID-19. Ms. Biesiadecki asked about current numbers and how they have changed due to the pandemic. Next, the Board heard from David Boggs of Clearbrook regarding their Capital request for new furniture at Clearbrook's CILA home in Hoffman Estates. The last presentation was Amanda Woods from Fellowship Housing. She spoke about the Emergency Request in regarding supporting women in their program from Hanover Township. Ms. Woods talked about four particular women and their struggles due to the pandemic.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2020: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the minutes of June 30, 2020 and Ms. Rahim seconded. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved.

Approval of June 2020 Financial Statements: Ms. Rahim moved to approve the financial statements for June 2020. Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Manager Teachout explained an accounting error that had occurred regarding line items being assigned. A roll call was conducted to approve the financials.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout highlighted several items, including agencies' concerns that their numbers will be lower the next funding cycle. Manager Teachout also talked about the Homelessness Work Group's mission to find a new home for PADS of Elgin. Also highlighted was the trouble the Mental Health Board Manager has had connecting with Open Door regarding the FY21 Funding Contract. The Board was updated on NAMI's delay in starting up the support

groups again. Also, the Board was briefed on an upcoming discussion about ensuring residents are benefitting from annual funding. The Board was also informed that the cleaning contract through Janiking is in place until July of 2021, so the cleaning will continue through the contracted company and the bid for the rooftop unit is in and replacement will be scheduled.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Challenge Requests

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois : Ms. Biesiadecki moved to consider Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Challenge request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Ms. Biesiadecki noted that she struggled to see how the program being requested is different from the program already funded, as it also targets Latinx girls. Ms. Garvey shared that she struggled to see why the cost of this program was more on paper than in the presentation. Ms. Biesiadecki shared that she is very supportive of Girls Scouts and believes in the program. She suggested the application be resubmitted with more information. Chairwoman Cruthers called for a vote.

Ms. Biesiadecki	No	Ms. Sirchia	No	Ms. Cruthers	No
Ms. Garvey	No	Trustee Moinuddin	No	Mr. Steichmann	No
Ms. Rahim	No				

Advanced Preschool: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the Advanced Preschool Challenge Funding request in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Steichmann seconded. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed this is a vital service. Ms. Garvey noted that she was glad to see the percentage of Township residents had remained consistent throughout the pandemic. Ms Biesiadecki also noted that she was glad to see the Preschool was partnering with Mental Health Services. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the motion from \$25,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Steichmann seconded. A roll call occurred to amend the motion.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Chairwoman Cruthers called for a roll to consider the Challenge Funding in the amount of \$15,000 for Advanced Preschool.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Capital Funding Request: Ms. Rahim moved to consider the Capital Funding Request for Clearbrook in the amount of \$6,047.85 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded the motion. Ms. Sirchia shared that she struggles with this request citing the size and cost it takes to maintain the house. She also shared that she is hesitant to

fund a request for furniture during Covid-19. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steichmann felt that nice furniture can lead to higher self-esteem and self worth. Ms. Rahim moved to amend the motion to \$1,000.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	No	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	No	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Chairwoman Cruthers called for a roll call for the amended amount of \$1,000. The motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	No	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	No	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Staff Development Request: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the Staff Development Request for Gigi's Playhouse in the amount of \$3,000 and Ms. Rahim seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board wondered if the conference was taking place in person, as the majority of the cost was hotel and food costs. The Board also expressed concern that this is a nationwide conference and did not seem targeted toward Hanover Township residents, or Hanover Township benefitting from the staff attending. A roll call occurred.

Ms. Biesiadecki	No	Ms. Sirchia	No	Ms. Cruthers	No
Ms. Garvey	No	Trustee Moinuddin	No	Mr. Steichmann	No
Ms. Rahim	No				

Contract Support Funding: Mr. Steichmann moved to consider the Contract Support Funding Request in the amount of \$7,800 for Fellowship Housing and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that this request was a true emergency. A roll call occurred.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Executive Session: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Chairwoman Cruthers adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Sirchia, Mental Health Board Secretary

