

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

June 30, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Cruthers at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers, Kathy Biesiadecki, Matthew Steichmann (5:31), Deb Sirchia, Mary Jane Garvey (5:46), Trustee Khaja Moinuddin, Faiza Rahim. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager, and Daniela Krivak of Maryville Academy.

Manager Teachout read a prepared statement for the record acknowledging that Recent Executives Orders by the Governor suspends the in-person attendance requirement by members of a public body and suspend the conditions limiting when remote participation is permitted for attendance at a public meeting. These Executive Orders further provide that public bodies are encouraged to provide remote access to meetings to the public. The Township posted information about this meeting on the website and regularly used social media platforms. This information shared with the public the way in which they could participate in the meeting, submit comments, and monitor the meeting in light of the ongoing public health emergency.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the agenda of the special meeting of June 20, 2020 and Ms. Rahim seconded. The motion was approved.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: Daniela Krivak from Maryville Academy presented an Emergency Request. Ms. Krivak discussed how operations at Maryville Academy have shifted with the COVID-19 Pandemic and the extra costs included with this. Ms. Krivak explained that Maryville Academy has incurred costs for increased cleaning and PPE as well as staffing needs, as the residents of Maryville were not able to attend school and needed additional supervision. Ms. Sirchia asked if Maryville received any funds from the state of Illinois and Ms. Krivak explained that DCFS increased their funding for a period by 20%, but that funding has expired. Ms. Krivak also discussed the need for some recreation for the residents who due to COVID are now home bound.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2020 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved.

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout highlighted the grocery delivery to Hunters Ridge continuing, the training held by Changing Children's World Foundation coming to a close, the Human Services Coordinating Council meeting that occurred.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Maryville Academy Emergency Funding Request: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to consider Maryville's Contract Support request in the amount of \$18,000 and Ms. Rahim seconded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steichmann brought up that COVID-19 has affected many people differently, but the residents of Maryville have been

severely hit because of their unique situation. The Board agreed. There was some discussion as to whether part of the funding for recreation was necessary or an emergency. Chairwoman Cruthers called for a vote.

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

Consideration of Community Resource Cleaning Contract: Manager Teachout explained that the Township Board had decided to cancel all outside cleaning contracts and bring the cleaning of the facilities in-house. Currently, the Community Resource Center has a month to month cleaning contract that allows for cleaning of the building three times a week. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed they would like to ensure the Resource Center is cleaned 5 days a week and approved cancelling the contract and cleaning through Hanover Township staff.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: The Board was informed of the possibility of a virtual Town Hall discussion on domestic violence, in accordance with Trustee Moinuddin's idea.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Ms. Cruthers adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Sirchia

Mental Health Board Secretary