

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

October 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Cruthers at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Kathy Biesiadecki, Trustee Khaja Moinuddin, Matthew Steichmann, Kristen Cruthers, Deb Sirchia, Faiza Rahim and Mary Jane Garvey. Also present, Amanda Teachout, MHB manager, James Barr, Township Administrator, Joannell Voight, CEO of Community Alternatives Unlimited, Fred Chin, Executive Director of Connections of Illinois, Lauren Wiens, Development Director of Fellowship Housing, Bob Tanner, Executive Director of Greater Elgin Family Care Center and Nick Demorest, Grants Director of Greater Elgin Family Care Center.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Workshop: Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Mental Health Board Funding Hearings:

- A. Community Alternatives Unlimited: Joannell Voight introduced the other staff members she brought from CAU and explained the history of the agency and how they are beginning to integrate into Hanover Township through the state's decision to redraw the boundaries of service areas for developmental disability providers. Ms. Biesiadecki asked how many Township residents came from DayOne. Ms. Voight explained that 55 support service clients and 60 on the PUNS list came from DayOne and the agency is attempting to do more outreach through the local high schools. Ms. Sirchia asked how they hope to use the money from the Mental Health Board and Ms. Voight explained that most of the money would be used to provide outreach services within the Township to help enroll people transitioning from education to the PUNS list.
- B. Connections of Illinois: Fred Chin explained that Connections of Illinois is a volunteer agency that seeks to fill the gaps in social service. They look to link individuals to needed services that were identified at the WRAP group meeting they attended over the summer. Because they are currently not serving many Township residents, Ms. Cruthers asked how they came to estimate the amount of residents served. Mr. Chin explained that this was based on numbers when the began providing services in other Townships.
- C. Fellowship Housing: Ms. Wiens introduced the MHB to Fellowship Housing by explaining that they provide housing and financial counseling as well as other case management for women that may be low income but do not qualify for assistance. Women are in their program for two years and their apartments are in Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg and Elgin. Ms. Wiens explained that many women go on to purchase a home in the Township and currently there are 13 women from Hanover Township in their program. Ms. Sirchia asked if Fellowship Housing provides childcare while the women work. Ms. Wiens explained that they do not, but they may help the client line up a provider. Ms. Biesiadecki asked if Fellowship Housing would consider the possibility of housing in Hanover Township. Ms. Wiens stated that the agency would be interested and

although they have recently expanded, they are looking to grow more and have been doing more outreach.

- D. Greater Elgin Family Care Center: Mr. Demorest presented Greater Elgin Family Care Center to the MHB and described it as a nonprofit community health center. He explained that currently, GEFCC provides care in three areas, family care, oral health, and behavioral health. They are seeking funding for the clients they see at their Streamwood location with behavioral health issues that are uninsured. The Board had no questions.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2019: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2019 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Ms. Biesiadecki shared that she had contacted Manager Teachout before the meeting to be more specific in funding awards for the Board to be able to look back at what had been awarded. Ms. Cruthers noted that the previous minutes indicated Finances had been approved by aye instead of roll call, which was incorrect. Ms. Biesiadecki also asked if the approved dates for 2021 could be attached. The Board unanimously approved.

Approval of August 2019 Financial Statement: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the August 2019 Financial Statements and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Manager Teachout explained the discussions she had with some of the agencies that had not been spending their funds. She explained that Shelter, Inc. reported having no Township clients for the program they requested for. Ms. Cruthers called for a vote and the August 2019 Financial Statement was approved.

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout highlighted the early occurrence of the Human Services Coordinating Council, PADS of Elgin intent to purchase a property, and the growth of the TIDE ridership.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Manager Teachout presented on the updates of the Hanover Landing Project, including the award of Kane Elgin HOME funds of \$500,000 toward the project as well as the Housing Authority of Elgin committing to subsidize the remaining units in the property. The application for Illinois Housing Development Authority is very strong and UP Development is currently waiting for the application process to begin. Ms. Biesiadecki asked if the property had been purchased. Administrator Barr explained that while the property has not been purchased, there is a hold on the property and the owner had agreed to wait the process out.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: The Board was reminded dates of the November 18th meeting and the December 16 meeting.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steichmann seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Sirchia

Mental Health Board Secretary