

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

August 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Cruthers at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers, Kathy Biesiadecki, Mary Jane Garza*, Deb Sircha. Matt Steichmann, and Faiza Rahim. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager, Kristin Vana, Township Assistant Township Administrator, and Theresa Forthofer, Executive Director of Easterseals Dupage & Fox Valley .

*Attendance via Zoom.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of August 24, 2021 and Ms. Sirchia seconded. A roll call occurred. The motion was approved.

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

Public Comment: none

Presentations: Theresa Forthofer of Easterseals Dupage and Fox Valley presented the capital request of \$25,000 to purchase new audiology booths. Ms. Forthofer explained the Easterseals is moving locations and the old audiology booths are made of concrete, rendering them impossible to move. Easterseals installed new audiology booths at their new location which they share with Association for Individual Development.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 25, 2021 and Ms. Rahim seconded. The motion was approved.

Approval of May 2021 Financial Statements: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the Financial Statements of May 2021 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. There was no discussion. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

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

Approval of June 2021 Financial Statements: Ms. Rahim moved to consider the June 2021 Financial Statements and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Chairwoman Cruthers called for a roll call and the motion passed.

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

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout informed the Board that meetings with agencies had resume in person. Manager Teachout also shared that the Annual Funding Applications have been posted for Fiscal Year 23 and agencies have been made aware. Manager Teachout talked a little about the updates with Hanover Landing and the acquisition of the property as well

as the discussion with the Human Services Coordinating Council regarding an Internship Coalition. Manager Teachout also updated on the Board on the bid submitted by Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County to purchase the Resource Center.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Capital Funding Request from Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley-Ms. Biesiadecki moved to consider the capital request in the amount of \$25,000 from Easterseals. Ms. Rahim seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that it was exciting to fund a capital project that intended for direct treatment. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
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Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
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Staff Development Request from Ecker Center for Behavioral Health-Ms. Sirchia moved to consider the Staff Development Request from Ecker Center in the amount of \$3,000 and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steichmann noted that Ecker Center is generally very responsible with funding and seems to take these requests seriously. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
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Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
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Staff Development from Family Services Association of Greater Elgin- Ms. Biesiadecki moved to consider the staff development request from Family Services in the amount of \$2,850 and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Mr. Steichmann said he understood that trainings are necessary but in his experience, they often felt like checking a box and expressed his hope people find value in them. Ms. Biesiadecki shared that she feels diversity training is critical to agencies like Family Services because of the different populations served. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
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Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
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Executive Session: none

Other Business: The Board agreed to keep an increase of \$10,000 as the marker of needing a funding hearing. The Board was also reminded that the next Board meeting will be September 28, 2021 in Veterans Hall.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 and Ms. Garvey seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Sirchia, Mental Health Board Secretary

