

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

September 28, 2021

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

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers, Kathy Biesiadecki, Deb Sirchia, Matt Steichmann, Denise Camacho and Faiza Rahim*. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager, Megan Conway, Director of Aging Services at Hanover Township and Kristen Smith, Director of the Office of Community Health at Hanover Township. *Attendance via Zoom.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of September 28, 2021 and Ms. Sirchia seconded. A roll call occurred. The motion was approved.

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

Public Comment: none

Presentations: Megan Conway and Kristen Smith of Hanover Township presented on their Challenge Request for \$25,000 to begin a Home Health Care program. Ms. Conway highlighted the purpose and growing need to help seniors who make too much money to qualify for services from the state but too little to afford in home help stay in and in place. Ms. Conway shared the steps already taken to begin the program, including hiring a coordinator and searching for two other employees. Ms. Smith shared about how the program would partner with the Office of Community Health to provide basic health screenings and the roles the nurse would play in the program. Trustee Camacho asked if there would be bilingual staff. Ms. Conway explained there are already bilingual staff in Aging Services.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2021: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2021 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. The motion was approved.

Approval of July 2021 Financial Statements: Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the Financial Statements of July 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. Camacho	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout informed the Board that they had received their copies of FY 23 Service Applications and provided each agency a confirmation of receipt. Manager Teachout also discussed upcoming Funding Hearings. The Board was also updated on progress with the Hanover Landing project and the meeting with Ecker Center to get feedback on their needs for the commercial space.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Challenge Funding Request: Ms. Sirchia moved to consider the Challenge Funding Request from Hanover Township Aging Services in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed it was a needed service and a gap currently exists. A roll call occurred and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Staff Development Request: Ms. Sirchia moved to consider the Staff Development Request from Community Alternatives Unlimited in the amount of \$3,000 and Trustee Camacho seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that mandated training was important but funds to cover it were often hard to come by. Chairperson Cruthers called for the roll and the motion passed.

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

Resolution Regarding the Consideration of Closed Session Executive Minutes: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to consider the Resolution Regarding the Consideration of Closed Session Executive Minutes and Trustee Camacho seconded. The Board considered the resolution and the exhibits attached. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

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

Executive Session: none

Other Business: The Board was reminded that the next meeting will occur on October 26, 2021 in Veterans Hall.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 and Trustee Camacho seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Sirchia, Mental Health Board Secretary