

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

October 26, 2021

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

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers, Kathy Biesiadecki, Deb Sirchia, Denise Camacho and Faiza Rahim. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager, Linda Springer from Kenneth Young Center, Talat Khan and Nazneen Begum from American Association of Retired Asians and Suzanne Ploger of Journeys.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of October 26, 2021 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. A roll call occurred. The motion was approved.

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

Public Comment: none

Funding Hearings: Linda Springer of Kenneth Young Center presented the FY 23 Annual Service Contract Application. She requested that Kenneth Young be restored to quarterly payments as the agency finds reporting each client that is a Township resident to be cumbersome. Ms. Springer also explained the influx of clients is attributed to Kenneth Young including Outpatient Therapy in their application in the last fiscal year. Nazneen Begum presented the FY 23 Annual Service Contract Application for the American Association of Retired Asians. She explained the agency has seen a lot of growth in the past fiscal year which explains the increase in funding requested.

Presentations: Suzanne Ploger of Journeys presented the Capital Request from Journeys in the amount of \$10,000. Ms. Ploger shared the plan for the new facility that will provide a new shelter for 40 people, transitional and permanent supportive housing, and space for case management. Ms. Ploger explained that most of the fundraising for the project is complete and the plan is break ground in the spring.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2021 and Trustee Camacho seconded. A spelling error was pointed out the minutes were approved.

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

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

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout highlighted several trainings she attended and events sponsored by funded agencies. Manager Teachout also thanked

Vice-Chair Biesiadecki for her assistance in meeting with Milton Township and their newly formed Mental Health Board to discuss the procedures of the Hanover Township Mental Health Board.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Capital Funding Request: Ms. Rahim moved to consider the Capital Request from Journeys in the amount of \$10,000 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. Discussion ensued. Ms. Cruthers called for a roll call and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
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Ms. Camacho	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
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Approval of 2022 Mental Health Board Dates: Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the proposed 2022 Mental Health Board Meeting Dates and Trustee Camacho seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session: none

Other Business: The Board was reminded that the next meeting will occur on Monday, November 15, 2021 in Downey Hall.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 and Ms. Rahim seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Sirchia, Mental Health Board Secretary