

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING

July 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Biesiadecki at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Matt Steichmann, Deb Sirchia, Mary Jane Garvey, Kathy Biesiadecki, Trustee Camacho. Also in attendance, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout and Township Administrator James Barr. Ms. Teachout informed the Board that both Faiza Rahim and Kristen Cruthers had informed her they would be unable to attend the special session.

Approval of the Agenda: Trustee Camacho moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of July 7, 2022 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Chair Biesiadecki called for ayes to agree and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2022: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 24, 2022 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Chair Biesiadecki gave the Board some time to look over the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Approval of Rental Assistance Agreement with Up Hanover Landing, LP- Trustee Camacho moved to consider the approval of the rental assistance agreement with Up Hanover Landing, LP and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Manager Teachout explained the urgent need for the contract's approval before the July 18 scheduled date of closing for financing for Hanover Landing. Administrator Barr also shared about some of the sticking points that had been hammered out regarding the language in the area of vacancies. Chair Biesiadecki gave the Board some time to look over the contract. Ms. Garvey asked if it was anticipated that we would have a waiting list to fill the five units and if we would be drawing residents for Hanover Landing from some of the funded agencies. Administrator Barr shared that he anticipated that there would be a waiting list over time and we would work closely with agencies like Ecker that already do this type of placement. Chair Biesiadecki asked for a roll call and the motion passed.

Matt Steichmann	Yes	Mary Jane Garvey	Yes
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Denise Camacho	Yes	Kathy Biesiadecki	Yes
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Other Business: Manager Teachout shared with the Board the news that Deb Sirchia had resigned from the Mental Health Board. The Board expressed sadness but well wishes for Ms. Sirchia. Administrator Barr shared the tentative groundbreaking ceremony for Hanover Landing is scheduled for August 27. Ms. Garvey asked if there was any additional funding for mental health services in the wake of the mass shooting that occurred over the Fourth of July holiday in nearby Highland Park. Manager Teachout shared with her about state funding for CESSA, 988, and other mental health grants that have been made available. Discussion ensued. Manager Teachout also shared that if the Board wants to be proactive in this discussion that there are prevention programs that are funded that work with students that fall through the cracks and the Board can prioritize finding agencies that specialize in the late adolescence stages.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager