

Hanover Township Mental Health Board Minutes
August 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Biesiadecki at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers, Mary Jane Garvey, Kathy Biesiadecki, Faiza Rahim, Denise Noyola, Michelle Esquivel, and Matt Steichmann (7:05).

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Cruthers moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations: Deb Howe of Ecker Center presented the request for capital funding for the commercial space of Hanove Landing. She discussed the staffing required for the space and how the furniture would be divided up. Carrie Seida presented the capital funding request of Marklund. She shared that Marklund had already done a fund-raising campaign and the funds from the capital request would be enough to complete the project. Natalie Rodriguez presented the challenge funding request from Hopeful Beginnings. She shared their location in Palatine had already seen an increase of clients from Hanover Township and in order to provide more efficient and accessible service, the agency is looking to expand toward the Township. Eileen McNamee presented the capital request of PADS of Elgin. She explained the sleeping pads had reached the end of their useful life and then some. The Shelter found a local vendor to work with and had already purchased those sleeping pads.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the special meeting minutes of July 11, 2023 and Ms. Rahim seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statements of July 2023: Ms. Cruthers moved to approve the Financial Statements of July of 2023 and Ms. Garvey seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes

Manager's Report: Manager Teachout presented the Manager's Report and it was reviewed. Highlights included the status of Hanover Landing, the invitation to the ribbon cutting, the Annual Funded Agency Meeting, the Human Services Coordination Council, Mental Health Matters workshops in the community, and the discussion with Moraine Township Supervisor about their 708 Board exploration.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Capital Funding Requests-

Pads of Elgin-Ms. Gavey motioned to approve MADS of Elgin request in the amount of \$11,211.85 and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed it was an appropriate request and necessary. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Ecker Center for Behavioral Health- Ms. Garvey moved to approve Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's capital request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Cruthers seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Ms. Esquivel brought up that some of the items include in the budget were not things typically funded by the Mental Health Board, including art work, coffee, office supplies, and cleaning supplies. The Board concurred. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the motion to approve Ecker's capital request in the amount of \$15,000 and Ms. Cruthers seconded that motion. The motion to amend the request to \$15,000 was approved through a roll call.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Ms. Noyola moved to approve the amended request to Ecker Center for \$15,000 and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Marklund-Ms. Garvey moved to approve Marklund's capital request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Rahim seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed the quotes were acceptable and they appreciated other funds raised for the purpose of the renovation. Ms. Esquivel disclosed a family connection to the agency. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Abstain	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Staff Development Requests-

Ecker Center for Behavioral Health-Ms. Cruthers moved to consider Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's request in the amount of \$3,000 for Non-violent crisis intervention training for the staff and Ms. Rahim seconded. The Board noticed much of the budget included food. The Board agreed staff development training funds should go toward the training itself. Ms. Rahim moved to amend the request to \$2,000 and Ms. Noyola seconded the motion. The motion to amend the original motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Abstain	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Ms. Garvey moved to approve Ecker Center's request with the amended amount of \$2,000 and Ms. Rahim seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Abstain	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Gigi's Playhouse-Ms. Rahim moved to consider Gigi's Playhouse request for staff development funds in the amount of \$3,000 and Ms. Cruthers seconded. Discussion ensued. Ms. Cruthers noted that she appreciated that the agency tied the amount request to the number of residents served. The Board agreed. Ms. Esquivel brought up some concern about the budget, as what was attached appeared to be to produce the conference. Ms. Rahim moved to table the discussion until the next meeting to request more information. Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Abstain	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Easteseals of DuPage and Fox Valley- Ms. Rahim moved to consider Easteseals' request in the amount of \$2,780 and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. The Board quickly agreed they did not have an appropriate budget to consider the request, as it appeared to be Easterseals' total staff development budget, not one for the particular conference. Ms. Rahim moved to table the request until the next meeting and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Abstain	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Challenge Request-Hopeful Beginnings-Ms. Esquivel moved to consider the Challenge request from Hopeful Beginnings in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Rahim seconded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steichmann recognized this filled a gap in services within the Township. The Board concurred. The motion passed through a roll call.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Abstain	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Site Visit Update-Ms. Biesiadecki shared about the August visit to Ray Graham Association. She discussed the wide breadth of services offered and shared a success story from the agency.

Resolution to Delegate Authority for Tenant Selection and Placement for Supported Housing Units at Hanover Landing-Ms. Cruthers moved to consider the Resolution to delegate authority for tenant selection and placement for supported housing units at Hanover Landing and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Manager Teachout explained the purpose of this resolution was to expedite placement into units and

prevent tenant's personal information from becoming public record. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Abstain	Ms. Rahim	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Steichmann	Yes				

Executive Session: none

Other Business: Manager Teachout shared the date of the ribbon cutting of Hanover Landing will be October 5 at 3 pm. Ms. Esquivel shared that Manager Teachout would be participating in a panel discussion on mental health at the Rotary Club of Elgin meeting on October 5 and the Board was welcome to attend. The Board was also reminded the next meeting would occur September 26 in Veteran's Hall.

Adjournment: Ms. Noyola moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm and Ms. Cruthers seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Mary Jane Garvey