

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

December 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Vice- Chair Faiza Rahim at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Michelle Esquivel, Kristen Cruthers, Faiza Rahim, Mary Jane Garvey, Matt Steichmann, and Denise Noyola. Not present: Chair Kathy Biesiadecki. Also in attendance, Township Administrator James Barr, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout, Mary Andrews from Community Alternatives Unlimited, Walter Blarlark and Linda Bradford Foster from Living Daylight.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Cruthers moved to approve the agenda of December 18, 2023 and Ms. Garvey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Workshop: Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Mental Health Board Funding Hearings: Mary Andrews from Community Alternatives Unlimited presented the Fiscal Year 25 Annual Funding Application. She explained that the increase in funding was to accommodate more time spent with clients to navigate housing issues. Ms. Andrews also cleared up questions regarding the budget submitted. Mr. Walter Blarlark presented the Fiscal Year 25 Annual Funding Application for Living Daylight. He explained the program would have two components, an educational workshop component for seniors regarding mental health and substance use and a youth to senior matching program. Living Daylight is currently recruiting youth volunteers to match with seniors.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023: Mr. Steichman moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2023 and Ms. Garvey seconded. The motion passed with Ms. Esquivel abstaining.

Approval of Financial Statements of October 2023: Ms. Esquivel moved to approve the Financial Statements of October 2023 and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ms. Rahim asked for a roll call.

Ms. Cruthers	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes
Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Noyola	Yes

Manager's Report: Manager Teachout presented and reviewed the Manager's Report. She highlighted communications with Representative Hirschauer's office to connect with agencies that attended her presentation at the Human Services Coordinating Council meeting, a few agencies that are requesting feedback on mid-year funding. Manager Teachout also shared about the Association for Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois' quarterly conference and the discussion of prevention services for mental health.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget-Ms. Rahim asked Township Administrator Barr to present the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget to the Mental Health Board. Administrator Barr went through the documents and explained the Mental Health Board was operating at a deficit in order to spend down some of the reserve. He also shared that the Mental Health Board was in a strong position to continue to fund contracts at a high level and other projects like TIDE and the Mental Health Housing. Ms. Cruthers moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ms. Rahim asked for a roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cruthers	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes
Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Noyola	Yes

Executive Session: none

Other Business: Manager Teachout reminded the group the next meeting of the Mental Health Board would be on January 23 in Downey Hall. The Funding Allotment sheets would be sent out immediately and the sheets will be due January 18. Manager Teachout also shared that Ecker Center's police partnership is serving as the model for the state's CESSA guidelines. Manager Teachout also shared that January 8 is the 10 year anniversary of the Stars and Stripes Café and the Mental Health Board was encouraged to enjoy lunch that day.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Noyola moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm and Mr. Steichmann seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jane Garvey
Mental Health Board Secretary