

Hanover Township Community Education Support Task Force
MINUTES of the MEETING
January 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Chair Alisa “Lee” Beattie at 4:36 p.m.

Roll Call: Task Force Chair Beattie, Jordan Wildermuth, Kristen Cruthers, Bill Wright, Paige Moran, Dr. Elizabeth Ma, Joe Markowski, Jeff Janda, Lauren Manu. Also, present James Barr, Township Administrator, Tina Houdek, Director of Youth and Family Services, Mary Jo Imperato, Director of Human Services, Kristen Smith, Director of Community Health, and Hailey Matich, Assistant to the Administrator.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Cruthers. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of the Task Force Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2023: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Cruthers, seconded by Mr. Markowski. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the Task Force Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Markowski, seconded by Ms. Cruthers. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Presentation on the Hanover Township Department of Human Services: Director Imperato gave a presentation on Hanover Township’s Department of Human Services. She began by reviewing the Illinois State Statute that grants Township’s the power to issue General Assistance and Emergency Assistance. General Assistance is a financial assistance program for any person who is not eligible for any other state or federal programs. Emergency Assistance is financial assistance that can be applied for when a person is experiencing an emergency they cannot alleviate on their own. Director Imperato also provided details on the Township’s Food Pantry which is administered by the Department of Human Services. Finally, Director Imperato outlined the various free events the Department hosts throughout the year to benefit the community including the Annual Job Fair, Backpack Distribution, Holiday programs, Veteran events, and Food Pantry events.

Presentation on the Hanover Township Office of Community Health: Director Smith began her presentation, discussing the Office of Community Health mission and location. The Office of Community Health offers various screenings year-round, lab services, and various testing. Director Smith explained that in addition to regular services the Office of Community Health also coordinates additional medical testing and vaccine events throughout the year. Both Director Smith and Community Health Nurse Kramer regularly provide services and events in the community including health education in the schools and CPR certifications. The Office of Community Health also hosts an Annual Health Expo each year which

showcases different healthcare providers and programs in the community as well as the Sprint 2 Spring 5K which raises funds for the Hanover Township Foundation.

Discussion of Future Task Force Meeting Presentations: The Task Force discussed the upcoming presentations suggesting hearing future presentations from various agencies outside of the Township.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Mr. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Janda seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hailey Matich
Task Force Secretary