

Hanover Township Community Education Support Task Force
MINUTES of the MEETING
February 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Chair Alisa “Lee” Beattie at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Task Force Chair Beattie, Kristen Cruthers, Bill Wright, Joe Markowski, Jeff Janda, Lauren Manu, Josie Gama. Also, present James Barr, Township Administrator, Tina Houdek, Director of Youth and Family Services, Hailey Match, Assistant to the Administrator, Nancy Coleman, Alignment Collaborative for Education Executive Director, Edgar Montes, Alignment Collaborative for Education Community Program Manager, and Andrea Armstrong, Alignment Collaborative for Education Executive Assistant.

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

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of the Task Force Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Cruthers, seconded by Mr. Markowski. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Presentation on the Alignment Collaborative for Education: The Alignment Collaborative on Education is a nonprofit organization that introduces middle and high school students to various career paths and connects students with internship opportunities. Staff from the Alignment Collaborative for Education presented the organization’s vision, scope, and goals. Additionally, staff shared several statistics on the organization’s internships and partnerships. Staff explained that the organization seeks to address workforce shortages by connecting students with transferable skills and facilitating links between the schools and the business community. All internships through the organization must be at least 60 hours total and qualify for a student’s elective credits. The Alignment Collaborative for Education also discussed plans to expand to offer internships in emergency management through connecting with municipalities. Staff also expressed the organization is making efforts to increase their interactions with the school district and make connections with high school counselors who are advising students with post high school plans. Task Force members asked several questions about how the organization administers and oversees the students and their internships.

Discussion of Future Task Force Meeting Presentations: The Task Force discussed the upcoming presentations suggesting hearing future presentations that discuss standards-based grading, truancy, and individual education plans for students.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Mr. Janda moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Markowski seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hailey Matich
Task Force Secretary