

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

October 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Faiza Rahim at 6:37 p.m.

Roll Call: Trustee Noyola, Matt Steichmann, Mary Jane Garvey, Faiza Rahim, Heidi McGuire, Michelle Esquivel, and Maria Wywialowski. Also present, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout, Dianha Ortega-Ehreth and Eileen McNamee of Centro De Informacion, Tina Houdek of Hanover Township Youth and Family Services, Paul Cuismano and Kim Donahue of Little City, and Talat Khan and Nazneed Begum of American Association of Retired Asians.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. McGuire moved to amend the agenda as the Financial Reports for September were not ready for the Board's review. Trustee Noyola seconded the motion. Ms. Rahim requested a vote to approve the amendment. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Ms. McGuire then moved to approve the agenda as amended and Trustee Noyola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Workshop: Fiscal Year 2026 Mental Health Board Funding Hearings: Dianha Ortega-Ehreth presented on behalf of Centro De Informacion and explained the reason for a requested increase in annual funding this cycle was due to increased foot traffic at the Hanover Park location. She also shared about the programs out of that location. Tina Houdek of Hanover Township Youth and Family Services presented on her Fiscal Year 2026 application for the Alternative Supports program, explaining the changes in the program over the past few years due to the acquisition of a Youth Center. Paul Cuismano from Little City shared about the addition of a new CILA home to the Township in 2021 and explained the need for new funding is due to the increased medical needs of the residents. The American Association of Retired Asians presented their application and shared about the programs offered to Hanover Township residents.

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented for October. Manager Teachout shared about a new partnership with Kane County Health Department's Behavioral Health division. Manager Teachout also shared about the need to follow up with several agencies regarding their annual funding requests. Manager Teachout also highlighted ongoing communication with the Oakhill Elementary principal regarding transportation needs of parents to get their children services.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the September 24, 2024, was made by Trustee Noyola, seconded by Mr. Steichmann. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates- Ms. Esquivel moved to approve the 2025 meeting dates as presented and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Development Funding Requests-

WINGS-Ms. Garvey moved to approve WINGS Staff Development request in the amount of \$3,000 and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Manager Teachout explained that she had reached out

to WINGS requesting more information on the trainings, specifically the cost from the training’s website or brochure. Ms. Esquivel stated that she was not comfortable making a decision without all the information. Ms. Rahim concurred and requested a motion to postpone the decision until the November meeting. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the request to be considered at the November meeting and Ms. McGuire seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. McGuire moved to accept the amended motion and Mr. Steichmann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Alternatives Unlimited: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the Staff Development Funding Request in the amount of \$3,000 and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Ms. Rahim requested a roll call.

Ms. Garvey	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes
Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes	Ms. Wywialowski	Yes		

Update on Needs Assessment: Manager Teachout shared the Center for Governmental Studies (CGS) was creating a second draft of a community wide survey after feedback. Also, the focus groups had been decided on. Ms. Esquivel suggested conducting key informant interviews with service providers instead of surveys. Manager Teachout confirmed she would follow up with CGS to see if that was a possibility.

Update on Nonprofit Midlevel Management Forum: Manager Teachout shared that nine agencies had confirmed their participation and two would like to participate but are confirming their staff’s schedule to accommodate the time. The first meeting is scheduled to be in March.

Site Visit Update-Trustee Noyola shared about the Site Visit to The Bridge. She shared that it is similar to the services provided at Youth and Family Services, but also includes emergency housing for youth and short term re-entry to the family counseling.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: The next meeting of the Mental Health Board is scheduled for Monday, November 18 in Downey Hall. Ms. Rahim also shared that in conversations she has learned that gambling addiction has increased exponentially. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed this may be something for the Needs Assessment to look into. Manager Teachout confirmed she would follow up with CGS to include this.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Rahim moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Teachout
Mental Health Board Manager