

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

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

Roll Call: Trustee Noyola, Matt Steichmann, Mary Jane Garvey, Faiza Rahim, Heidi McGuire. Also present, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout. Not present: Michelle Esquivel and Maria Wywialowski.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Garvey, seconded by Trustee Noyola. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented for both August and September. Manager Teachout shared updates on the progress of the Nonprofit Midlevel Management Forum. She also shared one of the subsidized tenants at Hanover Landing will not have his lease renewed this year, leaving an opening. Manager Teachout shared that she had already recruited a new tenant and that person has completed all their paperwork.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2024: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the August 27, 2024, was made by Trustee Noyola, seconded by Ms. Garvey. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the August 2024 Financial Statement: Motion to approve the August 2024 financial statement was made by Ms. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McGuire. Ms. Rahim called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

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

Site Visit Update: Mr. Steichmann shared about the Site Visit to About Behavioral Change. He noted that he appreciated the warmth and hospitality shown by the staff. He also noted that the agency is very plugged into current needs, as they identified gambling addiction as increasing. The Board agreed that the accessibility to gambling venues has increased. Manager Teachout shared that she appreciated the efforts made by About Behavioral Change to invest in the workforce and the community as a whole as demonstrated by their relationship with Elgin Community College and the amount of interns working. Manager Teachout also shared that the upcoming Site Visit would be at The Bridge. The Board also discussed the scheduling of the October Site Visit with Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County.

Consideration of Changes at Maryville Academy Bartlett Campus: Trustee Noyola moved to consider the changes at the Bartlett Maryville Academy Campus and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Manager Teachout explained that DCFS has cancelled the contract with Maryville to foster pregnant and parenting teens and is increasing their contract to foster teen girls with a dual diagnosis of a developmental/intellectual disability

and a mental health disorder. DCFS has cited the increasing need for placement for this population. DCFS is also increasing their contract to foster unaccompanied minors who have crossed the southern border and ended up in foster care. Ms. Garvey expressed concern about the current placement of the teen parents and their babies. Manager Teachout explained that DCFS is placing them in foster homes and away from the group setting. Manager Teachout also explained that DCFS is under new leadership and that may explain some of these changes. Ms. McGuire expressed concern about the number of Township residents and the credentials of the staff providing the services. The motion to approve the consideration was approved by an unanimous vote.

Approval of Amended Needs Assessment Contract with Northern Illinois Center for Governmental

Studies: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the Amended Needs Assessment Contract with Northern Illinois Center for Governmental Studies and Ms. McGuire seconded the motion. Manager Teachout explained that the Center for Governmental Studies had requested the ability to cancel the contract just like Hanover Township Mental Health Board and can not indemnify because they are a public university. Chairman Rahim called for a roll call vote and the motion was approved.

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

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Manager Teachout shared that she expected Advanced Preschool to apply for Challenge Funding in the next few months based on her conversations with the Executive Director. Manager Teachout also shared that she expected Rise Beyond Your Roots to apply again for Challenge Funding in the future.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Rahim moved to adjourn the meeting.. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Teachout
Mental Health Board Manager