

## HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

### MINUTES of the Regular MEETING

April 22 ,2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Jane Garvey at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Michael Kondrath, Mary Jane Garvey, Michelle Esquivel, Matt Steichmann, Maria Wywialowski, Tarah McShane, and Heidi McGuire (7:00). Not present: Denise Noyola. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Carrie Seida from Marklund, Lisa Ewers from Easterseals, Jessica Kazaniwskyj from Rise Beyond Your Roots, and Mindy Schneiderman from Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the agenda of April 22, 2025 and Ms. Esquivel seconded. The motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentation:** Ms. Seida presented Marklund's capital request and explained that the old portion of the Marklund residential center did not have a nursing call system to each room, leaving staff and residents to yell down the hallway. Ms. Ewers presented Easterseals capital request and shared that specialized equipment such as the treadmill that was requested allow children with disabilities to receive physical therapy. She also shared that the listening toolkit would provide the needed background noise for children diagnosed with ADHD. Ms. Ewers also shared that the individual items requested are to build a diversity toolkit for children. Ms. Kazaniwskyj presented Rise Beyond Your Roots Challenge Request and shared updates from the previous request awarded in December. Ms. Schneiderman presented the Needs Assessment Report. The Board asked several questions regarding methodology and changes over the last three years.

**Manager's Report:** Manager Teachout shared her attendance at the Suburban Domestic Violence Council's Legislative Breakfast, the ACMHAI conference in Springfield, and the Alignment Collaborative for Education Job Fair.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025:** Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 25, 2025, and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes.

**Approval of the March 2025 Financial Statements:** Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the March 2025 Financial Statements and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion passed.

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| Mr. Steichmann | Yes | Mr. Kondrath | Yes | Ms. McShane | Yes | Ms. McGuire | Yes |
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| Ms. Wywialowski | Yes | Ms Esquivel | Yes | Ms. Garvey | Yes |
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**Staff Development Funding Request-Easterseals:** Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the staff development funding request from Easterseals in the amount of \$3,000 and Ms. McShane seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board expressed concern that there were only two residents served with

scoliosis, which was the focus of the training. The Board also expressed concern that the organization anticipates a rise in clients with that diagnosis but did not budget for any training. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion failed unanimously.

Mr. Steichmann    No    Mr. Kondrath    No        Ms. McShane    No        Ms. McGuire    No

Ms. Wywialowski    No    Ms Esquivel        No        Ms. Garvey        No

### **Capital Funding Requests**

**Marklund:** Mr. Steichmann moved to consider Marklund's capital request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Wywialowski seconded the motion. The Board had no comments other than they each supported this effort. A roll call occurred, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Steichmann    Yes    Mr. Kondrath    Yes        Ms. McShane    Yes        Ms. McGuire    Yes

Ms. Wywialowski    Yes    Ms Esquivel        Yes        Ms. Garvey        Yes

**Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley:** Mr. Steichmann moved to approve Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley's capital request in the amount of \$14,045.48 and Ms. McShane seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that some of the items in the request were closer to supplies and not capital items. The Board agreed to consider the request minus the books and toys. Ms. Esquivel moved to amend the motion to \$12,000 and Ms. McGuire seconded. A roll call occurred and the decision to amend the motion to \$12,000 was unanimous.

Mr. Steichmann    Yes    Mr. Kondrath    Yes        Ms. McShane    Yes        Ms. McGuire    Yes

Ms. Wywialowski    Yes    Ms Esquivel        Yes        Ms. Garvey        Yes

Ms. Garvey requested a roll call to approve the capital request in the amount of \$12,000. The decision was unanimous.

Mr. Steichmann    Yes    Mr. Kondrath    Yes        Ms. McShane    Yes        Ms. McGuire    Yes

Ms. Wywialowski    Yes    Ms Esquivel        Yes        Ms. Garvey        Yes

**Challenge Funding Request-Rise Beyond Your Roots:** Mr. Steichmann moved to consider Rise Beyond Your Roots Challenge Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Wywialowski seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Board confirmed with Manager Teachout that reports had been submitted. Ms. Teachout shared that 85 clients of Rise Beyond Your Roots were confirmed to be Township residents with the previous Challenge Funding received. Manager Teachout also shared the amount of the previous funding was \$3,000 to cover three months of work. The Board recognized a smaller budget in the Challenge Funding line item this year and the need to make it stretch. Mr. Steichmann moved to amend the requested amount to \$12,000 and Ms. McGuire seconded the motion. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion to amend the amount of the Challenge Funding Request to \$12,000 passed.

Mr. Steichmann    Yes    Mr. Kondrath    Yes        Ms. McShane    Yes        Ms. McGuire    Yes

Ms. Wywialowski    Yes    Ms Esquivel        Yes        Ms. Garvey        Yes

Ms. Esquivel mentioned that she thinks increased oversight from the Mental Health Board would be wise in this particular case. The Board concurred and requested that the condition of regular reporting, payment through fee for services, and a Board member attending one of the trainings would be requirements of

funding. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion to fund Rise Beyond Your Roots with the previous conditions passed.

Mr. Steichmann    Yes    Mr. Kondrath    Yes    Ms. McShane    Yes    Ms. McGuire    Yes

Ms. Wywialowski    Yes    Ms. Esquivel    Yes    Ms. Garvey    Yes

**Consideration of Sprint 2 Spring 5k Sponsorship:** Mr. Steichmann moved to sponsor the Sprint 2 Spring 5K at the Gold level. Ms. McGuire seconded the motion. Some discussion occurred regarding the purpose of the sponsorship. Ms. McGuire reminded the Board that some publicity is needed per the Needs Assessment. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call, and the motion passed.

Mr. Steichmann    Yes    Mr. Kondrath    Yes    Ms. McShane    Yes    Ms. McGuire    Yes

Ms. Wywialowski    Yes    Ms Esquivel    Yes    Ms. Garvey    Yes

**Executive Session:** None

**Other Business:** Manager Teachout reminded the Board to complete the Cook County SEI filing before the May deadline to avoid the fine. She also shared that the Board could expect an executive session and the ninth member to join the Board at the May meeting to occur in Downey Hall.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, Ms. Esquivel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Esquivel  
Mental Health Board Secretary