

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the Regular MEETING

May 27 ,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, Jordan Wildermuth, Tarah McShane, Denise Noyola and Heidi McGuire. Not Present: Maria Wywialowski Also present, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout, Deputy Township Administrator Kristin Vana, Katie Shaw-Thompson of PADS of Elgin, and Jim Brunetti of Ecker Center for Behavioral Health.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Garvey requested a motion to amend the agenda to include a presentation for PADS of Elgin and exclude the presentation from Special Olympics. Mr. Steichmann moved to amend the agenda to include a presentation from PADS of Elgin and exclude Special Olympics and Trustee Noyola seconded the motion. The agenda was amended and passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Presentation: Ms. Shaw-Thompson addressed the Board on behalf of PADS of Elgin. She shared that while the agency was without an Executive Director, attention had been paid to daily operations and financial planning had been neglected. This, along with the loss of some grants had left PADS in a precarious position. Ms. Shaw-Thompson requested Emergency Funding. Mr. Brunetti from Ecker Center for Behavioral Health presented a capital request in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Brunetti explained that Ecker Center had purchased the office buildings next door to their location with the intention of moving administration offices. This would open more space for direct services. Capital funds would be used to furnish the new office spaces. Deputy Township Administrator Vana also presented on the Mental Health Housing Request. Ms. Vana shared that the current Supportive Housing Services Coordinator had contacted all of the residents at Hanover Landing and brought various educational and recreational activities to the building. Ms. Vana requested \$34,000 to continue to support the position.

Manager's Report: Manager Teachout shared the Alignment for Collaborative Job Fair she attended to pass out Mental Health resources, meeting with the new Executive Director of PADS of Elgin, and researching the Card Connect system to utilize for TIDE.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025: Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2025, and Trustee Noyola seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes.

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

Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Mr. Kondrath	Yes	Ms. McShane	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes
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Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Wildermuth	Yes
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Funded Agency Review: Manager Teachout reviewed the current and previous funding to About Behavioral Change, American Association of Retired Asians, Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health and AID. She also shared information about each agency that is relevant to the mission of the Mental Health Board. Manager Teachout also discussed how each agency performs with compliance in reporting.

Capital Funding Requests

Ecker Center for Behavioral Health: Mr. Steichmann moved to consider Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's capital request in the amount of \$25,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded. Ms. Garvey noted that she appreciated Ecker is looking to expand their services to include more adolescents and improved workspace may help with staff retention. She also shared that she felt strongly about funding this project proportionate to the percentage of Township residents. The Board agreed. Ms. Garvey suggested an amendment to the motion. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the motion to \$20,000 to better align with the proportion of Hanover Township residents served. Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. A roll call was called the motion to approve the amendment passed.

Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Mr. Kondrath	Yes	Ms. McShane	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes
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Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Wildermuth	Yes
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Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the amended amount of \$20,000 to Ecker Center for Behavioral Health. Ms. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Mr. Kondrath	Yes	Ms. McShane	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes
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Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Wildermuth	Yes
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About Behavioral Change: Mr. Steichmann moved to consider the capital request from About Behavioral Change in the amount of \$12,500 and Ms. McShane seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steichmann noted that the agency was requesting the full cost of the project but was also asking \$10,500 from Dundee Township. Mr. Steichmann wondered what would happen to the funds if both were awarded. The Board also agreed that is was concerning that request for the entirety of the cost of the project, but only 4.5% of the clients are Township residents. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion was denied.

Mr. Steichmann	No	Mr. Kondrath	No	Ms. McShane	No	Ms. McGuire	No
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Trustee Noyola	No	Ms. Esquivel	No	Ms. Garvey	No	Mr. Wildermuth	No
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Challenge Funding Request-Special Olympics of Northern Illinois-Ms. Esquivel moved to consider the Challenge Funding Request from Special Olympics of Northern Illinois in the amount of \$10,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded. The Board expressed that they were pleased to be approached by Special Olympics and how concise and clear the application was. Discussion ensued and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Mr. Kondrath	Yes	Ms. McShane	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes
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Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Wildermuth	Yes
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Emergency Funding Request: Trustee Noyola moved to discuss the Emergency Funding request from PADS of Elgin in the amount of \$25,000 and Mr. Steichmann seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of oversight from the Board of Directors during a transitory period. Ms. Teachout also shared that PADS of Elgin had very few reported clients throughout the fiscal

year, making a large award difficult to justify. Ms. McGuire moved to amend the motion to \$5,000 and Ms. McShane seconded the motion. A roll call occurred and the motion to amend to \$5,000 was passed.

Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Mr. Kondrath	Yes	Ms. McShane	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes
Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Wildermuth	Yes

Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the consideration of PADS of Elgin Emergency Request in the amount of \$5,000 and a roll call occurred. The motion passed.

Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Mr. Kondrath	Yes	Ms. McShane	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes
Trustee Noyola	No	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Wildermuth	No

Mental Health Housing Request: Ms. McGuire moved to approve the Mental Health Housing Request from Hanover Township in the amount of \$34,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and the motion passed.

Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Mr. Kondrath	Yes	Ms. McShane	Yes	Ms. McGuire	Yes
Trustee Noyola	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes	Mr. Wildermuth	Yes

June and July Site Visits: Manager Teachout requested that some Board members sign up for Site Visits over the summer. Mr. Kondrath and Mr. Wildermuth agreed to visit Ecker Center for Behavioral Health and Mike Kondrath and Ms. McShane agreed to visit Hanover Township Youth and Family Services. Mr. Steichmann and Ms. Esquivel agreed to visit Easterseals.

Officer Elections: Ms. Esquivel nominated Ms. Garvey as Chair. Ms. McGuire seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Ms. Garvey nominated Mr. Steichmann as Vice Chair and Ms. McGuire seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Mr. Steichmann nominated Ms. Esquivel as Secretary and Trustee Noyola seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Manager Teachout reminded the Board that the next Mental Health Board meeting will be August 26 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. McGuire moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Teachout
Mental Health Board Manager