

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the PLANNING AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Garvey at 6:38 pm. Ms. Garvey nominated Ms. McGuire to Committee Chair of the Planning and By-laws Committee and Mr. Wildermuth seconded the nomination. Ms. McGuire accepted and the motion was unanimous.

Roll Call: Mary Jane Garvey, Jordan Wildermuth, and Heidi McGuire. Also in attendance, Manager Amanda Teachout.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2024 and Mr. Wildermuth seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Review of Community Needs Assessment: Mr. Wildermuth noted that lack of access to services was a common theme and he wondered where people are accessing their referrals to service. He brought up primary care doctors, religious referrals and schools. Ms. McGuire noted that stigma continues to be a huge barrier to service. Mr. Wildermuth agreed and noted that accessing service often requires tenacity on the client to navigate insurance, wait lists, and various levels of care. Ms. Teachout shared the written feedback from the group for Michelle Esquivel and Matt Steichmann. Mr. Wildermuth shared that he agreed with the conclusions from the attached emails. Ms. Garvey also agreed that lack of knowledge of support services is consistent with her experience that community members do not know about the services at the Township as a whole.

Strategic Planning Discussion: Manager Teachout advised that group that this discussion would be made into a few goals for the Mental Health Board to work on. This would be approved at the next Planning and By-law Committee and then brought to the Board as a whole. Ms. McGuire shared that she thought the feedback regarding trainings could be useful but did not agree the Mental Health Board should be paying for all training and licensing. This should be the onus of the agencies. Ms. Teachout asked about a middle ground--a goal surrounding agency support to include a continuation of the Mid-Level Management forum and a quarterly training academy. Ms. Garvey was in support of this and the committee agreed. Mr. Wildermuth requested a goal surrounding community supports like transportation and respite. Manager Teachout stated this was also on her mind and included revitalizing TIDE. Manager Teachout also shared that the Mental Health Board collects data from the service providers that is not included in the Needs Assessment. This data suggests an overall decrease in New Clients seen. The Committee agreed they would like to explore this further and would like to see more knowledge of those receiving services through funded agencies that the funds tie back to the Mental Health Board. The Committee came up with a goal surrounding community engagement and being involved in more community initiatives to widen awareness of service providers.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Ms. Garvey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 and Mr. Wildermuth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Teachout