

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Jane Garvey at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Michael Kondrath, Michelle Esquivel, Tarah McShane, Matt Steichmann, Heidi McGuire, Lize Eyas and Mary Jane Garvey. Trustee Denise Noyola at 6:27p.m. and Heidi McGuire at 6:30p.m. Jordan Wildermuth attended virtually from 6:15pm – 7:15pm. Also present were Deputy Township Administrator Kristin Vana and Administrative Services Manager Hailey Matich.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Esquivel moved to approve the agenda of October 28, 2025, and Ms. McShane seconded. The motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: Marissa Raglin presented on Teaching Therapy's Challenge Funding Request. She shared that Teaching Therapy provides preventative mental health programming delivered through an art-based curriculum for grades fourth through sixth in U-46 schools. Kelly Sanford presented Little City's Capital Funding Request. She shared the need for capital improvements to a driveway located at one of Little City's CILA home in Hanover Township. Jonathan Shively presented the Fox Valley Hands of Hope Challenge Funding Request. He shared about Fox Valley Hands of Hope's compassionate and evidence-based services related to grief and loss.

Workshop: Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Hearings: Jonathan Shively from Fox Valley Hands of Hope presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Fox Valley Hands of Hope is a new agency to the Mental Health Board. Mr. Shively introduced the agency's mission and shared how funding would benefit its programs. Melisa Cameron from Boys and Girls Club presented the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Boys and Girls Club is a new agency to the Mental Health Board. Ms. Cameron shared the agency's mission and the work the agency does to benefit youth in the area. Neomy Rojas from Centro de Informacion presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Ms. Rojas discussed the agency's reasoning for requesting increased funds in FY27. She shared the agency's new location in Hanover Park and additional anticipated costs for operations and programming. Amber Peters from Enriching Partnerships for Early Learning presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Enriching Partnerships for Early Learning is a new agency to the Mental Health Board. Ms. Peters introduced the agency's mission and shared how funding would support the agency's support for prenatal and birth through five years old services. Katie Shaw Thompson from PADS of Elgin presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Ms. Shaw Thompson discussed the agency's reasoning for requesting increased funds in FY27 noting the ending of funds available through federal programs.

Staff Report: Administrative Services Manager Matich shared an update on her onboarding process and discussed several Funded Agency Site Visits she and Deputy Township Administrator Vana completed. Administrative Services Manager Matich also provided updates on the November Mental Health Board meeting and its Funding Hearings. Deputy Township Administrator Vana provided an update on the recruitment process for an Administrative Services Specialist.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025: Ms. McShane moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2025, and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes.

Approval of the September 2025 Financial Statements: Ms. Noyola moved to approve the August 2025 Financial Statements and Ms. McShane seconded the motion. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion passed.

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

Approval of Ecker Center Mental Health Housing Service Contract: Mr. Steichmann moved to discuss the Ecker Center Mental Health Housing Service Contract in the amount of \$27,500 and Trustee Noyola seconded. Discussion ensued. Deputy Township Administrator Vana highlighted the services offered by Ecker Center at the satellite office located at the permanent supportive housing, Hanover Landing. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion passed.

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

Challenge Funding Requests

Teaching Therapy: Ms. McShane moved to discuss the Teaching Therapy Challenge Funding Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded. Discussion ensued. Ms. Esquivel shared that it is positive that the agency has received approval from School District U-46 to provide programming in schools. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion passed.

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

Fox Valley Hands of Hope: Trustee Noyola moved to discuss the Fox Valley Hands of Hope Challenge Funding Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. McGuire seconded. Discussion ensued. Concern was expressed regarding there being no program budget with the request. It was recommended the agency consider resubmitting the funding application to include a full program budget. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion did not pass.

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

Capital Funding Request – Little City: Mr. Steichmann moved to discuss Little City’s Capital Funding Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded. Discussion ensued. Several members

noted concerns regarding the agency not providing multiple quotes related to the funding request. It was recommended the agency consider resubmitting the funding application to include three proposed quotes for the project. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion did not pass.

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

Executive Session: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: There being no other business, Trustee Noyola moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. McGuire seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Esquivel
Mental Health Board Secretary