

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the Regular MEETING

November 18 ,2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Jane Garvey at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Tarah McShan, Matt Steichmann, Heidi McGuire, Liz Eyas, Mary Jane Garvey , and Trustee Denise Noyola. Also present were Township Administrator James Barr, Deputy Township Administrator Kristin Vana, Administrative Services Manager Hailey Matich, and Mental Health Board Legal Counsel Michael Airdo.

Township Administrator Barr reported that effective November 18, Michelle Zajac Esquivel resigned from the Mental Health Board. Hanover Township and the Mental Health Board thank her for her service.

Approval of the Agenda: Trustee Noyola moved to approve the agenda of November 18, 2025 and Ms. McShane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Election of Secretary Pro Tempore: Trustee Noyola moved to elect Heidi McGuire Secretary Pro Tempore and Ms. McShane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations: Kim Petit presented on Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's Capital Funding Request. She shared that Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's parking lot needs substantial repairs and that this request would address a portion on the parking lot. Ms. Petit provided details on how the parking lot is used and how the needed repairs impact the agency.

Workshop: Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Hearings: Kim Petit from Ecker Center for Behavioral Health presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Ecker Center for Behavioral Health has had three different programs funded by the Mental Health Board. In FY27, Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's combined funding request will decrease due to the implementation of a perspective payment system. Natalie Rodriguez from Hopeful Beginnings presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Hopeful Beginnings requested a \$68,000 increase in FY27. Ms. Rodriguez shared about the agency's new office space and how the funding would aid in supporting the new location. Marian Lopez from Kenneth Young Center presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Ms. Lopez discussed the agency's reasoning for requesting increased funds in FY27. She shared about how the agency is taking a fresh look at grants and how service hours are being calculated and billed. Allison Pittas from Northwest Compass presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Northwest Compass is a new agency to the Mental Health Board. Ms. Pittas introduced the agency's mission and shared how funding would support the agency. Jessica Kazaniwskji from Rise Beyond Your Roots presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Rise Beyond Your Roots is a new agency to the Mental Health Board. Ms. Kazaniwskji introduced the agency's mission and shared how funding would support the agency. Anne Kiwala from Special Leisure Services Foundation presented on the agency's FY27 annual funding application. Special Leisure Services Foundation is a new agency to the Mental Health Board. Ms. Kiwala introduced the agency's mission and shared how funding would support the agency.

Staff Report: Administrative Services Manager Matich shared fiscal year 2026 annual funding third quarter payments have been prepared and are being sent to agencies. She also informed the Mental Health Board of the valuable meetings and workgroups she attended in the past month. Administrative Services Manager Matich also provided updates on the December 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 October 28, 2025: Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 28, 2025 and Ms. McShane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Challenge Funding Requests

Fox Vally Hands of Hope: Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the Fox Valley Hands of Hope's Challenge Funding Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steichmann shared that the agency provides a unique service and that the application was updated to include a program budget. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion passed.

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

Capital Funding Request – Little City: Ms. McShane moved to approve Little City's Capital Funding Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded. Discussion ensued. Several members provided concerns regarding the agency not providing complete quotes. Ms. McGuire moved to postpone the request definitely to the December 15, 2025 Mental Health Board meeting and Ms. McShane seconded. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion passed.

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

Emergency Funding Request – Ecker Center for Behavioral Health: Trustee Noyola moved to approve Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's Emergency Funding Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. McGuire seconded. Discussion ensued. Several members provided concerns regarding the project timeline

and funding availability. It was discussed that this project would not be able to be completed before the funds expired on March 31, 2026 due to the weather condition needed to make concrete repairs. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion did not pass.

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

Consideration of Board Member Eligibility: Mental Health Board Attorney Michael Airdo provided information to the board on the statutes that govern a 708 Board including the board’s responsibilities and the eligibility requirements for the board’s members.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. McShane moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Noyola seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi McGuire
Mental Health Board Secretary Pro Tempore