

Hanover Township Mental Health Board
Minutes of the Meeting
September 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Gorcowski, at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Brian Gorcowski, Linda Best, Bill Burke, Kristen Cruthers, Terry Gavin, Jan Joerin, and Marvin Kramer present. A quorum was confirmed. Also present: James Barr, Township Administrator, Suzanne Powers, HTMHB Coordinator; Debra Lischwe and Sharon Myers, Health Systems Research, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford; Ricardo Gasca, Jerry Skogmo, and Deb Howe, Renz Addiction Counseling Services; John Parquette, Hanover Township Youth and Family Services arrived after 6 p.m. to present request for grants.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda moved by Ms. Burke, seconded by Ms Cruthers. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Workshop – Community Needs Assessment Focus Group: Ms Lischwe, Health Systems Research, conducted a needs assessment focus group with the HTMHB. The session will serve as one component on needs determinations to be reported to the board in November.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 22 moved by Ms Cruthers, seconded by Ms Joerin. The motion was approved.

Approval of Financials: Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve the August 2012 Financial Reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gavin. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. Motion was approved.

Brain Gorcowski	Yes	Linda Best	Yes	Bill Burke	Yes
Kristen Cruthers	Yes	Terry Gavin	Yes	Jan Joerin	Yes
Marvin Kramer	Yes				

Coordinators Report: The Coordinator’s report was presented and reviewed.

Unfinished Business

MHB Fund Balance Report: An analysis of the MHB strategic effort to spend down reserves was presented. Over FY11 and FY12 HYB has used \$247,448 of reserve funds for capital projects and emergency, challenge, and capital grant. An additional \$188,500 of reserves is budgeted for FY13 grants. The report reflected the effect of delayed payments of tax revenues in fund balances where applicable.

New Business

Presentations of Grant Requests

Representatives of Renz Addiction Counseling Services arrived and presented the agency’s request for emergency and Challenge Grant funding for the agency’s ATOD prevention services. The requests were submitted after loss of state grant for prevention programming in the Hanover Township area.

Mr. Parquette, Youth and Family Services, presented a request for funding of the HTYFS Clinical Interventionist and explained the staff members proposed work with Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program in the schools.

Challenge Grant Requests

Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve a Challenge Grant of \$25,000 for Renz Addiction Counseling Services ATOD prevention program. Ms Cruthers seconded the motion. The viability and effectiveness of the program was discussed. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. Motion was defeated.

Brain Gorcowski	No	Linda Best	No	Bill Burke	No
Kristen Cruthers	No	Terry Gavin	No	Jan Joerin	No
Marvin Kramer	No				

Ms Joerin made a motion to approve a Challenge Grant of \$25,000 for funding Hanover Township Youth and Family Services clinical interventionist PBIS program. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Brain Gorcowski	Yes	Linda Best	Yes	Bill Burke	Yes
Kristen Cruthers	Yes	Terry Gavin	Yes	Jan Joerin	Yes
Marvin Kramer	Yes				

Capital Grant Request

Ms Best made a motion to approve a Capital Grant of \$12,000 to the Association for Individual Development (AID) for new equipment and classroom improvements needed for work training programs for the developmentally disabled. Mr. Burke seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Brain Gorcowski	Yes	Linda Best	Yes	Bill Burke	Yes
Kristen Cruthers	Yes	Terry Gavin	Yes	Jan Joerin	Yes
Marvin Kramer	Yes				

Emergency Funding Requests

Mr. Gavin made a motion to approve an Emergency Funding Grant of \$25,000 to Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health to meet needs of seniors on the funded program's waiting list. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Brain Gorcowski	Yes	Linda Best	Yes	Bill Burke	Yes
Kristen Cruthers	Yes	Terry Gavin	Yes	Jan Joerin	Yes
Marvin Kramer	Yes				

Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve an Emergency Funding Grant of \$25,000 to Renz Addiction Counseling Center for preventive services no longer funded by the state. Ms Cruthers seconded the motion. It was concluded that this program has not previously been funded by the HTMHB. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. The motion was defeated.

Brain Gorcowski	No	Linda Best	No	Bill Burke	No
Kristen Cruthers	No	Terry Gavin	No	Jan Joerin	No
Marvin Kramer	No				

Community Resource Center: An agreement for ADT monitoring of Community Resource Center was presented. Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Gavin seconded the motion. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Brain Gorcowski	Yes	Linda Best	Yes	Bill Burke	Yes
Kristen Cruthers	Yes	Terry Gavin	Yes	Jan Joerin	Yes
Marvin Kramer	Yes				

Executive Session: There was no Executive Session.

Other Business: The next meeting of the board will be held October 23 and will include agency hearings for grant requests for FY14. Presentations will be limited to those agencies requesting substantial increases.

Open Comment: Thank you to everyone for their participation in the focus group.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Ms Best moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Best
Secretary