

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

February 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kathy Biesiadecki at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers*, Kathy Biesiadecki,, Mary Jane Garvey*, Trustee Khaja Moinuddin, Deb Sircha*. Matt Steichmann* (6:33). Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board, James Barr, Township Administrator, Supervisor Brian McGuire, Presenters Angela Churney*, Mary Andrews*, and Cynthia Gunderson*. Not present: Faiza Rahim. *Attendance via Zoom.

Manager Teachout read aloud the Admonitions pursuant to Public Act 100-0640 regarding attendance by “Other Means” and the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of February 23, 2021 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. A roll call occurred. The motion was approved.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes
Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes

Public Comment: none

Presentations: Cynthia Gunderson of Catholic Charities presented on the Capital Request for \$7,500 for thermoscans and docking stations. She explained that although the state has given the agency some money, they are looking to make up the difference. Ms. Sirchia asked about handheld thermometers and Ms. Gunderson explained that Catholic Charities is looking for something more automated to accommodate the traffic in and out of their building. Angela Churney and Mary Andrews presented on behalf of Community Alternatives Unlimited’s Capital request of \$20,000 for new computers and ancillary equipment. Ms. Cruthers asked where the agency would find more funding for the project if the Mental Health Board could not fund all of the request. Ms. Andrews explained some of their other funding sources. Trustee Moinuddin asked how many laptops were needed and was directed back to the request.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021: Trustee Moinuddin moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2021 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Manager Teachout acknowledged a spelling mistake that would be corrected in the record. A roll call occurred.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes
Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes

Approval of January 2021 Financial Statements: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the Financial Statements from January 2021 and Ms. Garvey seconded. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes
Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout highlighted Ecker's exploration into a Crisis Stabilization Unit in partnership with Advocate Sherman Hospital.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Future Plans for the Resource Center: Supervisor McGuire addressed the Mental Health Board and shared the desire of the Township Board to list the Resource Center for sale. Supervisor McGuire explained the cost of operating the Resource Center is greater than the return. He also shared that the Board felt the funds used to operate the Resource Center may have greater impact in the hands of agencies. Ms. Garvey moved to concur with the Township Board's decision to list the Resource Center for sale. Ms. Sirchia seconded. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes
Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes

Little City Contract Adjustment: Manager Teachout explained that although the Mental Health Board had voted to move Little City to a Purchase of Service contract for FY22, the application for funding of a CILA home made that difficult, as there is no billable hour. Ms. Cruthers moved to change Little City's Contract from a Purchase of Service to a Monthly Report with quarterly payments and Ms. Garvey seconded. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes
Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes

Capital Request Catholic Charities: Ms. Sirchia moved to consider Catholic Charities Capital Request in the amount of \$7,500 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Ms. Cruthers noted that she was pleased to see that Catholic Charities considered the percentage of residents served in the amount of the request. The Board discussed the increase of requests for technological devices and their need during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes

Ms. Sirchia Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes

Capital Request Community Alternatives Unlimited: Trustee Moinuddin moved to consider the capital request from Community Alternatives Unlimited in the amount of \$20,000 and Ms. Cruthers seconded. Ms. Biesiadecki shared about the virtual site visit conducted with this agency and that in her opinion, the standard the Board often uses of percentage of residents served versus all clients should not apply to this agency because of the size of their service area and that they are the only agency allowed to provide their service in the area. Ms. Sirchia expressed appreciation for Ms. Biesiadecki's information. Trustee Moinuddin moved to amend the amount considered to \$12,000 and Ms. Garvey seconded. A roll call to amend the amount passed the motion.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Cruthers Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Trustee Moinuddin Yes

Ms. Sirchia Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes

A roll call occurred to approve the capital request from Community Alternatives Unlimited in the amount of \$12,000 with the stipulation the funds would be approved for laptops. The motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Cruthers Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Trustee Moinuddin Yes

Ms. Sirchia Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes

Emergency Funding Request from Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (NWCASA): Ms. Cruthers moved to consider the request from NWCASA in the amount of \$2,750 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Ms. Biesiadecki noted that she could not make the request match the budget and it appeared that a number was accidentally double. Trustee Moinuddin stated that he also noticed the discrepancy. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the amount requested to \$1,970 to match the budget provided. Ms. Sirchia seconded. A roll call to amend the amount considered occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Cruthers Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Trustee Moinuddin Yes

Ms. Sirchia Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes

A roll call to approve the amount of \$1,970 occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Cruthers Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Trustee Moinuddin Yes

Ms. Sirchia Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes

Staff Development Funding Request from Ecker Center for Behavioral Health: Ms. Sirchia moved to consider the request from Ecker Center in the amount of \$2,675 and Ms. Cruthers seconded. Discussion ensued. The Board concurred that the request should be split between staff development and capital because of the

addition of the AED machine in the request. A roll call to approve the motion occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes
Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Manager Teachout reminded the Board that the next meeting would occur on March 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm in Veterans Hall.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Trustee Moinuddin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm and Ms. Sirchia seconded. Vice Chair Biesiadecki called for a roll call to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Sirchia, Mental Health Board Secretary