

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**MINUTES of the MEETING**

**May 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Cruthers at 6:36 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Kristen Cruthers, Kathy Biesiadecki, Trustee Denise Camacho, Deb Sirchia, Matt Steichmann, and Faiza Rahim. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board, Kristin Vana, Presenters Vicki Watts\* and Rebecca Mace\*. \*Attendance via Zoom.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of May 25, 2021 and Ms. Sirchia seconded. A roll call occurred. The motion was approved.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Trustee Camacho	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes

**Public Comment:** none

**Presentations:** Vicki Watts of Marklund Children’s Home presented on the Capital Funding Request for \$25,000. She explained that the Wasmond Center was looking to renovate the therapy pool and had acquired some funds, but were looking for the remaining. Ms. Sirchia asked if the Wasmond Children’s Center was at capacity and Ms. Watts explained that they had 58 clients and have room for 61. Mr. Steichmann agreed the therapy pool is a useful tool. Ms. Sirchia also asked if the Wasmond Center sits within the Township boundaries. Ms. Biesiadecki confirmed. Rebecca Mace of Summit School also presented on a Capital Funding Request. She explained that Summit School has found that it’s wiring for internet is outdated and in order to continue to provide services, they are facing the need to update. Ms. Mace talked a little about the school program that the Board does not fund and how many Township residents attend that program as well. The Board had no questions.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021:** Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2021 and Ms. Rahim seconded. The motion was approved.

**Approval of April 2021 Financial Statements:** Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the Financial Statements from April 2021 and Ms. Rahim seconded. Manager Teachout reminded the Board that April is the first month of the fiscal year. Chairperson Cruthers called for a roll call and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Trustee Camacho	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes

**Manager’s Report:** The Manager’s Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout informed the Board that the Illinois Housing Authority has awarded the tax credits to the Hanover Landing project. She also shared that the appraiser and real estate agent had been through the Resource Center and the building would be listed soon.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

Capital Funding Request from Marklund Children’s Home- Ms. Biesiadecki moved to consider the Marklund Children’s Home capital request in the amount of \$25,000 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. The Board agreed that the project was needed, would benefit only Township residents and was a good use of Capital Funds. Discussion continued. Ms. Cruthers called for a roll call and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Trustee Camacho	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes

Capital Funding Request from Summit School-Ms. Rahim moved to consider the capital funding request from Summit School in the amount of \$15,000 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Discussion ensued. The Board discussed how in the past, transportation was the main issue of accessibility to care and that seems to have shifted to lack of technology from the agencies. In order to keep up with the field, the Board agreed that agencies need to be outfitted with the appropriate hardware. Ms. Cruthers called for a roll call and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Trustee Camacho	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes

**Executive Session:** none

**Other Business:** Manager Teachout reminded the Board that the next meeting would take place on August 24, 2021.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, Ms. Sirchia moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 and Ms. Rahim seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Sirchia, Mental Health Board Secretary