

**Hanover Township Mental Health Board
Minutes of the Meeting
November 22, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Gorcowski at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Linda Best, Brian Gorcowski, Darrell Bice, Bill Burke, Kristen Cruthers, and Marvin Kramer present. A quorum was established. Also present: James Barr, Township Administrator; Suzanne Powers, HTMHB Coordinator.

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

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 2011, moved by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Ms Cruthers. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Financials for October 2011: Motion to approve the financials for October 2011, as presented moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Mr. Kramer. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. The motion carried.

Linda Best	Yes	Darrell Bice	Yes
Bill Burke	Yes	Kristen Cruthers	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	Yes	Marvin Kramer	Yes

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

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Committee Structure and Members: The decision to establish two committees (Finance & Building Administration; Planning & Bylaws) was discussed. Ms Best, Mr. Bice, and Mr. Gorcowski have volunteered for Planning; Ms Cruthers , Mr. Burke, and Mr. Kramer for Finance.

Lease Agreements for Agencies in Mental Health Center: In recognition of the disruption and hardship for tenants during remodeling, agencies were not charged rent for office space. Upon completion of the renovations, the HTMHB agreed by consensus to resume \$100 per month rental charges for agencies with office space in the facility.

New Business

Staff Development Grant

Ms Best made a motion to approve a Staff Development Grant of \$1,200 to the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin for staff to attend the Boys and Girls Club National Conference. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gorcowski called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Linda Best	Yes	Darrell Bice	Yes
Bill Burke	Yes	Kristen Cruthers	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	Yes	Marvin Kramer	Yes

FY 2013 Funding Priorities: The HTMHB discussed data presented on FY2012 funding priorities and the proportion of funding granted to the major service categories: Mental Health, Developmental Disability, and Substance Abuse. Outlook and trends in state funding were reviewed. Concern was expressed regarding state cutbacks in funding for mental health services, substance abuse intervention and prevention and loss in funding from city of Elgin. Based on findings, the HTMHB affirmed the following funding priorities for FY2013 changes in funding:

1. Funding to address cutbacks in Mental Health Services, especially for uninsured, non-Medicaid clients
2. Funding to address cutbacks in intervention and prevention programs related to substance abuse and drug addiction.
3. Cutbacks in funding through City of Elgin as they affect sustainability of agencies funded by HTMHB.

Executive Session: No Executive Session was held.

Other Business: Next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13.

Open Comment: James Barr noted that the Township has established a 0% increase in tax levy for FY2013. HTMHB Finance Committee will need to meet in early December to draft budget for next year. He also noted that two candidates are being considered for appointment to the HTMHB in January, and that the township will be opening a satellite office in Elgin in office space in the Renz Center at One American Way.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Kramer moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Best
Secretary