

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

November 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Cruthers at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Kristen Cruthers, Kathy Biesiadecki, Deb Sirchia, Matt Steichmann, Mary Jane Garvey* and Faiza Rahim. Also present, Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager, Cheryl Hazek from YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, Kimberly Bianchini of Advanced Preschool and Maria Brauer from Shelter, Inc. Not present: Denise Camacho

*Indicates virtual attendance

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Rahim moved to approve the agenda of the meeting of November 15, 2021 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. A roll call occurred. The motion was approved.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Mr. Steichamnn	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes

Public Comment: none

Funding Hearings: Ms. Hazek and Ms. Bianchini presented the YWCA’s service application to the Board. Ms. Hazek explained the program would take place in local preschools, like Advanced Preschool, which Ms. Bianchini represented. Ms. Bianchini discussed how the program would benefit her preschool. Ms. Biesiadecki had a some questions for the presenters, including why none of the preschools listed were in the Township and why the agency had not reached out for a Challenge Funding request prior. She also asked about the qualifications of the staff delivering the services. Ms. Sirchia asked how the workforce shortage would affect the program and Ms. Garvey asked for clarification regarding executive functioning. Ms. Brauer presented the Shelter, Inc request. She highlighted that Shelter, Inc. is the only boys group home within 60 miles.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2021: Ms. Sirchia moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 26, 2021 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. The motion was approved.

Approval of September 2021 Financial Statements: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the September 2021 Financial Statements and Mr. Steichamnn seconded. There was no discussion. Ms. Cruthers called for a roll call the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Mr. Steichamnn	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes

Manager’s Report: The Manager’s Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout highlighted attendance of Partners in Our Communities’ ribbon cutting at their new Hanover Park location. She also talked about speaking with the new Executive Director of PADS of Elgin. Ms. Teachout also discussed an increase of phone calls from residents seeking mental health services due to the Needs Assessment Survey

that went out and informed the Board that Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies would be presenting at the December meeting.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Planning and By-laws Committee and Finance Committee Appointments-Ms. Cruthers made the following appointments to the committees: Finance Committee will be Kristen Cruthers, Mary Jane Garvey, Matt Steichmann and Kathy Biesiadecki. Mr. Steichmann will chair the committee. The Planning and By-laws Committee will be Faiza Rahim, Deb Sirchia, Trustee Denise Camacho, and Kathy Biesiadecki. Ms. Rahim will chair the committee. The Finance Committee will meet December 13, 2021 at 5:45 to look over the FY 23 budget.

Approval of the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI) membership-The Board reviewed the memo attached to the Board packet and Ms. Biesiadecki moved to approve the membership. Ms Rahim seconded. A roll call occurred and the motion was approved.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Mr. Steichamnn	Yes	Ms. Rahim	Yes	Ms. Garvey	Yes

Executive Session: none

Other Business: The Board was reminded that the next meeting will occur on Monday, December 13, 2021 in Downey Hall.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Sirchia moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Sirchia, Mental Health Board Secretary