

Hanover Township Mental Health Board Minutes
April 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Biesiadecki at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call: Mary Jane Garvey, Denise Noyola, Matthew Steichmann, Kathy Biesiadecki, and Michelle Esquivel. Also in attendance, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout and Melanie Pignotti of Children’s Advocacy Center

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations: Ms. Pignotti of Children’s Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County presented the Emergency Request in the amount of \$25,000. She explained that while CAC was looking for avenues to sustain the programs, the agency is required to provide trauma and forensic interviewing. This means that Mental Health Services would be cut if there is not an influx of revenue.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023: Ms. Noyola moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2023, and Ms. Esquivel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Financial Statements of February 2023: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the Financial Statements of February of 2023 and Ms. Esquivel seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote.
Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes

Manager’s Report: Manager Teachout presented and reviewed the Manager’s Report. She highlighted that Bartlett Police Department had hired a full time social worker, fulfilling the expectation of the Challenge Funding Request the previous fiscal year. She also shared about House Bill 475, opening the Community Mental Health Act to revisions and talked about how those revisions would change the operations of the Mental Health Board.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Contract Support Funding:
Children’s Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County- Ms. Garvey moved to consider the request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Noyola seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed they wanted to ensure there was plenty in the fund for upcoming and expected emergency requests. They also wanted to provide enough to help. Mr. Steichmann moved to amend the request to \$15,000 and Ms. Noyola seconded. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes

Ms. Garvey moved to approve the emergency request in the amount of \$15,000 and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. A roll call occurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes

PADS of Elgin: Ms. Noyola moved to consider the Emergency Funding request from PADS of Elgin in the amount of \$8,075.32 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Discussion ensued. Ms. Biesiadecki and Ms. Noyola confirmed they had seen the plumbing issue back when they attended a Site Visit. Mr. Steichmann said he felt the price was reasonable. A roll call occurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes

Capital Funding Request- Ms. Esquivel moved to consider Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley's capital request in the amount of \$2,695.00 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed the device was important and good use of capital funding. A roll call occurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes

Executive Session: none

Other Business: Manager Teachout reminded the Board of several impending events, including the Sprint to Spring, Centro's Community Luncheon, Marklund's Playground opening, and officer Elections at the next Mental Health Board meeting. She also recognized Chair Biesiadecki's Above and Beyond Aging Services Volunteer Award and informed the Board of Trustee Noyola's pregnancy. Ms. Esquivel informed the Board of a education opportunity regarding genetics and public health.

Adjournment: Mr. Steichmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm and Ms. Garvey seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Manager Teachout