

Hanover Township Mental Health Board Minutes
May 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Biesiadecki at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call: Mary Jane Garvey, Denise Noyola, Matthew Steichmann, Kathy Biesiadecki, and Michelle Esquivel, Kristen Cruthers (6:31) and Faiza Rahim. Also in attendance, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout, Assistant Township Administrator Kristin Vana, Township Clerk Dolan Baumer, and Program Director of Ecker Center for Behavioral Health Deb Howe

Swearing In: Clerk Dolan Baumer swore Ms. Garvey in after her reappointment.

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

Presentations: Ms. Vana presented the Mental Health Housing Funding request for \$30,000. She discussed the history the Mental Health Board had with the Housing Task Force and the vision of Hanover Landing. She shared about the Disability Coordinator’s responsibilities at Hanover Landing being connecting residents to services at Hanover Township and other light case management. Ms. Esquivel asked about who is going to supervise the position, and Ms. Vana shared that she would. Ms. Howe also presented the Mental Health Housing Request from Ecker Center. She shared that Ecker Center intends on providing intense case management, therapy, and substance use services to the residents. Ecker Center and Hanover Township will work together.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023: Ms. Rahim moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2023 and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statements of April 2023: Ms. Cruthers moved to approve the Financial Statements of March of 2023 and Ms. Esquivel seconded. Discussion ensued. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Manager’s Report: Manager Teachout presented the Manager’s Report and it was reviewed. Highlights included the Operations meeting with Up Development and Ecker Center for Hanover Landing, various community events attended with Board members, work with the Human Services Coordinating Council, and the reporting website’s progress.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Mental Health Housing:

Hanover Township Administrative Services-Ms. Cruthers moved to consider Hanover Township Administrative Services’ request for \$30,000 in Mental Health Housing. Ms. Esquivel seconded the

motion. Discussion ensued. Ms. Steichmann stated that this seems to be the culmination of what the Mental Health Board has been working toward for a long time and that the innovation of a Community Mental Health Board partnering with a local government and nonprofit will open doors for others to do the same. The board agreed. Ms. Biesiadecki requested a roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Ecker Center for Behavioral Health- Trustee Noyola moved to consider Ecker Center for Behavioral Health's Mental Health Housing request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Garvey seconded. There was little discussion. Ms. Biesiadecki requested a roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Fiesta Del Sol Sponsorship- Mr. Steichmann moved to consider the Fiesta Del Sol sponsorship in the amount of \$500 and Ms. Rahim seconded the motion. Ms. Biesiadecki reminded the Board that other events sponsored by the Mental Health Board were at the \$500 level. The Board agreed they appreciated the recognition at the event. Manager Teachout also asked the Board if anyone would like to attend the event, as the sponsorship comes with 4 tickets. Ms. Biesiadecki requested a roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Esquivel	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Noyola	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Site Visit Schedule-Manager Teachout presented the Site Visit Schedule, and members of the Mental Health Board signed up for visits. The Site Visit schedule is attached.

Officer Elections-Ms. Cruthers nominated Ms. Biesiadecki as Chair. Trustee Noyola seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki nominated Ms. Rahim as Vice Chair and Ms. Cruthers seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Ms. Rahim nominated Ms. Garvey as Secretary and Ms. Cruthers seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Executive Session: none

Other Business: Manager Teachout reminded the Board the next meeting of the Mental Health Board will be August 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Veteran's Hall. She also shared that over the summer, the lease up day for Hanover Landing will be occurring, the Township of Cook County Officials meeting will be

occurring, and annual funded agency will occur and the multi-faceted public relations campaign will occur.

Adjournment: Mr. Rahim moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm and Ms. Garvey seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Faiza Rahim