



Supervisor
Brian P. McGuire

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING
MINUTES

Clerk
Katy Dolan Baumer

Monday, August 28, 2023

Assessor
Khaja Moinuddin

Trustees
Alisa "Lee" Beattie
Denise Noyola
Craig Essick
Eugene N. Martinez

Administrator
James C. Barr

Director
Tina Houdek, LCPC

- I. Swearing in of New Member—Emily Fagan, Savannah Widmann (postponed for September 2023)
- II. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:38 pm by Jordan Wildermuth on August 28, 2023 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
 - a. Members Present: Jordan Wildermuth, Ariel Correa, Savannah Widmann, Rob Wojtowicz, Bill Henderson, Nazneen Hashmi
 - b. Members not present:
 - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Tina Houdek, Youth and Family Services Director
 - d. Guest: Eesha Alaparathi
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comments: None
- V. Reports:
 - a. Trustee Liaison report- none available
 - i. She went over September events and the board meeting in September. Just for the health of it, Food Trucks, Falls for Tricks Festival, Hanover Haunts, Back to School events, wrapping up the building next door, and renovations at Izaak Walton. This has been a busy summer and a lot of projects are taking place. The art show at the senior center was fabulous. SHS principal and Athletic Director met with Tina Houdek and a partnership is blossoming.
 - b. Director Report – Director Houdek provided the Committee with several department highlights.
 - Director Houdek and department staff conducted second round interviews on June 1 and 15 for the Family Therapist positions.
 - Manager Dickinson participated in the Virtual Chicago Metro Youth Council meeting on June 1.
 - Director Houdek volunteered on June 1 for the Fiesta Del Sol Foundation fundraising event.

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- Director Houdek met with Emily Fagan on June 6, a potential youth member, on the Committee on Youth.
- Director Houdek attended the Ribbon Cutting event on June 8 for the Happy Hangout in Bartlett, Illinois.
- On June 8, Director Houdek attended Patty Glascott's Retirement party.
- Director Houdek and Assistant Director of Clinical Services Pamphile met with Principal Sharma of Glenbrook Elementary School on June 13 to discuss partnership and possible services for the upcoming school year.
- Youth Program Assistants and Director Houdek manned the concession stand at the Music in the Reserve concert series on June 15.
- Program Coordinator Melissa Enciso joined the Youth and Family Services department on June 20.
- Director Houdek, Assistant Director of Clinical Services Pamphile and Manager Dickinson met with
- Principal Arroyo of Parkwood Elementary School on June 21 to discuss programming for the fall.
- Director Houdek participated as a panelist for the TOCC Spring Conference on June 22 on the breakout session titled "Township Mental Health Service Delivery".
- Youth and Family Services hosted the annual Garage Sale on June 23 and 24.
- Youth and Family Services held two fundraisers in July to support youth programming. \$483 was raised for the Alternative Supports Program.
- Director Houdek met virtually with Dijon Ross from Waukegan Township on July 7 to discuss youth services and involvement in AITCOY.
- Director Houdek met with Dr. Michelle Ferraro of Bremen Township on July 13. A tour of the department and information was shared about the department's youth services.
- Youth and Family Services staff assisted with the Music on the Reserve on July 13.
- Assistant Director of Clinical Services Pamphile conducted interviews for possible interns on July 14 and 21.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal, Prevention Specialist Trujillo and ten youth leaders participated in the annual Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute from July 16 through July 20 at Eastern

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- Illinois University. The Institute provided the youth leaders with education, skill development and opportunities to advance their leadership abilities.
- Assistant Director of Clinical Services Pamphile and Family Therapist Zak attended a virtual two-day intensive training on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) on July 17 and 18.
- Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator Roehr attended a training on July 18 titled
- Psychopharmacology: Through a Diagnostic Lens.
- Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator Roehr and Family Therapist Gomez participated on July 21 in the Hanover Park COPS Day event.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal and Receptionist Villagomez represented the township on July 28 at Streamwood's Summer Celebration.
- Youth and Family Services volunteers assisted the Streamwood Women's Club in the Streamwood Summer Celebration Parade on July 29.
- Director Houdek met virtually with Carrie Estrada, Executive Director at Northwest Center Against
- Sexual Assault on July 31 to discuss services provided in the local schools.

VI. Unfinished Business: None

VII. New Business

- a. Approval of June 26, 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve by Bill Henderson, second by Savannah Widmann. Motion carried.
- b. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update
 - i. Izaak Walton Center has been used for event rentals and over the summer it occurred every weekend. The latter is great news for the Township from a revenue and community use perspective.
 - ii. National Night Out, Tuesday August 1st. Fun activities throughout the week.
 - iii. Drop in Teen Nights will continue on Wednesday and Thursdays from 3-6pm . Transportation pick up for youth is also happening.
- c. Adult Member Recruitment

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- i. With Eesha accepting the role, we would be looking still for 1 more youth leader, and we will have Savannah as an adult leader once sworn in at our next meeting.
 - d. New Leaders in Education planning
 - i. Communication has gone out. The next step is preparing a schedule for delivery of welcome and gift items at the end of October. The committee will request for the New Leaders to provide a few dates in October and the committee will schedule accordingly.
 - e. Revisit of the Summit on Youth Violence recommendations and COY involvement
 - i. There were top 3 big points that came out of the recommendations that the Township is looking further into. 1) Open up Therapy services to those transitioning to youth adults (17-18 yrs.). 2) Transportation to get to programs and services. 3) More frequent meetings rather than waiting every five years to meet. Tina is working on all 3 items and is looking at potentially having more frequent meetings. The committee shared ideas such as meeting quarterly, setting up
 - f. Upcoming events
 - i. Just for the Health of it will take place on September 7th from 11-3pm (Community Health event).
 - ii. Fall Food Truck Festival taking place on September 14th @ 5-8pm. YFS is trying to target a nice variety of food trucks.
 - iii. Fall Hanover Haunts for the Fall is scheduled for Friday, October 27th 4-7pm.
 - iv. Toy Drive is coming up.
 - v. Movie Night - 2 scheduled movie nights. The next event is September 29th
 - vi. Oktoberfest is September 29th and 30th.
- VIII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Henderson and seconded by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion carried at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dr. Ariel Correa, Secretary of Youth and Family Services

Next Meeting Date: September 25, 2023—Downey Hall

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