Hanover Township Mental Health Board Minutes April 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Faiza Rahim at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call: Matt Steichmann, Faiza Rahim, Kristen Cruthers, Mary Jane Garvey, Trustee Denise Noyola (left at 6:55), Michelle Esquivel. Also in attendance, Mental Health Board Manager Amanda Teachout, Evelyn Smith from Maryville Academy, Carrie Seida from Marklund and Lisa Ewers from Easterseals. Not in attendance, Kathy Biesiadecki.

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

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: Ms. Seida of Marklund presented the Capital Request in the amount of \$25,000 to expand and renovate the current facility. Marklund expects to increase the capacity of the facility from 60 residents to 80 residents. Marklund has been conducting a capital campaign and has already raised \$4,000,000. Ms. Smith of Maryville Academy presented the Capital Request in the amount of \$25,000 to provide new flooring in the Casa Salama house Bartlett. This request came from a visit to Maryville from Mental Health Board members. Maryville has fundraised \$8,000 toward the cost of the project. Ms. Ewers from Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley presented the Capital Request in the amount of \$22,766.64. Ms. Cruthers asked for clarification regarding the percentage of Township residents served.

Manager's Report: Manager Teachout presented and reviewed the Manager's Report. She highlighted the Mental Health Resource Fair, meeting with the Schaumburg Township Mental Health Board Executive Director, and discussion with the attorney regarding the Request for Proposal Process. Manager Teachout also informed the Board on Illinois House Bill 444 and the potential changes to the Community Mental Health Act.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024: Ms. Esquivel moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2024 and Ms. Garvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Financial Statements March 2024: Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the Financial Statements of March of 2024 and Ms. Cruthers seconded. Ms. Cruthers asked about funds left in the mid-year funding categories. She expressed concern that agencies are not aware of Staff Development Funds. A roll call occurred, and the motion passed.

Ms. Cruthers Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Rahim Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Staff Development Funding Request-Marklund: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the discussion of the Staff Development Funding Request from Marklund in the amount of \$2,546 and Ms. Cruthers seconded. Discussion ensued. Ms. Esquivel noted that it seems the same agencies keep applying for

Staff Development Funds. The Board should ensure whoever is attending these trainings is appropriate. Manager Teachout confirmed that Marklund had not applied for staff development funding in the last fiscal year. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the motion to postpone the decision until the May 28 meeting when more information could be provided regarding which staff members were attending the training. Ms. Cruthers seconded the motion. A roll call occurred and the motion to amend passed.

Ms. Cruthers Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Rahim Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Ms. Esquivel moved to approve the amended motion and Ms. Garvey seconded. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Cruthers Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Rahim Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Noyola Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Capital Funding Requests

Marklund Capital Funding Request: Ms. Garvey moved to approve Marklund's Capital Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Cruthers seconded. Discussion ensued. Ms. Cruthers noted that she loved the expansion of respite care for caregivers. The Board agreed. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Cruthers Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Rahim Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Maryville Capital Funding Request: Ms. Esquivel moved to approve Maryville's Capital Funding Request in the amount of \$25,000 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Ms. Esquivel shared that she was so glad to see this request come through. She shared with the Board that she had recommended to Maryville they apply for this funding some time ago. Manager Teachout concurred. A roll call occurred and the motion carried.

Ms. Cruthers Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Rahim Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley Capital Funding Request: Mr. Steichman moved to discuss the Easterseals Capital Funding Request in the amount of \$22,766.64 and Ms. Cruthers seconded the motion. Ms. Esquivel raised the concern that the equipment being asked to fund had been funded in the past. Manager Teachout reviewed the minutes and found Ms. Esquivel was correct. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the motion to postpone the decision until the May 28, 2024 meeting so that more information regarding the equipment could be shared and Ms. Cruthers seconded. The motion to amend passed.

Ms. Cruthers Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Rahim Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Ms. Cruthers moved to approve the amended motion to postpone the discussion until the May 28, 2024 meeting and Ms. Esquivel seconded the motion. A roll call occurred and the motion passed.

Ms. Cruthers Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Ms. Rahim Yes

Ms. Garvey Yes Ms. Esquivel Yes

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Manager Teachout informed the Board that the Hanover Landing residents will have the income reviewed on a yearly basis and rent would be adjusted accordingly. She also sought guidance from the Board regarding the goal of setting a funding threshold that would trigger agencies to attend and acknowledge Mental Health Board funding at community events. The Board informed Manager Teachout they would prefer to include recognition on social media. Manager Teachout also shared that officer elections would occur at the next meeting. Manager Teachout informed the Board that the Hanover Township Youth and Family Services garage sale was accepting donations. She also invited the Board to attend Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison's Town Hall discussion on Mental Health Access. Manager Teachout also informed the Board that the next meeting would occur on May 28th at 6:30 in Veteran's Hall and will be Chair Biesiadecki and Ms. Cruther's last meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Steichmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm and Ms. Esquivel seconded. The motion passed.