

**Hanover Township Mental Health Board**  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
May 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Alice Benoit at 8:02 a.m.

Roll Call: Mel Runzel, Katy Dolan Baumer, Mary Alice Benoit, Rita Lopienski; Ruth Beckner, Brian Gorcowski; a quorum was established. Also present was Director Danise Habun.

Approval of/Additions to Agenda

Ms Habun asked that the Board table approval of the April Financials (they were not ready for distribution); Ms Dolan Baumer made the motion to accept the agenda as amended; Ms Lopienski seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 17, 2009 Executive Session Minutes

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 17 was made by Ms Dolan Baumer and seconded by Ms Runzel; discussion ensued and corrections to the minutes were made. Ms Dolan Baumer amended the motion to approved amended minutes from April 17; motion seconded by Ms Runzel; motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve the executive session minutes of March 17, 2009 was made by Ms Runzel and seconded by Mr. Gorcowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financials from April, 2009

Motion to table approval of the financials from April, 2009 was made by Ms Dolan Baumer and seconded by Ms Lopienski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Director's Report Highlights: The Director's Report was submitted and highlights reviewed.

FY10 Contracts : Director Habun presented the contracts for the Chair and Secretary signatures.

Election of Officers

The slate: Rita Lopienski, Chair; Chris Van Herick, Vice Chair; and Brian Gorcowski, Secretary, was approved at the April, 2009 meeting. Motion to approve the slate as presented was made by Ms Beckner and seconded by Ms Lopienski. Motion carried.

Brian Gorcowksi	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	No	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	--		

Awakenings Capital Grant Request (\$ 5,000)

Ms Lopienski moved and Ms Runzel seconded the motion to approve the Awakenings Capital Grant request. After discussion regarding this first time grant request, the number of residents served, and other items, the motions was amended by Ms Lopienski to approve the Awakenings Capital Grant request in the amount of \$2,500; the motion was seconded by Mr. Gorcowski. Motion carried.

Brian Gorcowksi	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	No	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	--		

Hanover Township Senior Serivces – Project HOPE Recovery Support Group Challenge Grant Request (\$7,740)

Ms Runzel moved and Ms Lopienski seconded the motion to approve the Hanover Township Senior Services – Project HOPE Recovery Support Group Challenge Grant request. After discussion regarding who can actually access this proposed service, the motion was made by Ms Runzel to table and seconded by Ms Lopienski. The motion to table this item pending more information from the requestor was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Annual Dues – Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (\$4,315)

Motion was made by Ms Brian Gorcowski to approve the Annual Dues – Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois and seconded by Ms Beckner. The motion carried.

Brian Gorcowski	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	--		Yes

SNAP Consulting proposal (\$6,000) and Report on 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Planning Meeting

Ms Habun gave the Board a rundown of the highlights of the Community Planning Meeting held last month. SNAP Consulting provided consultation during the meeting. SNAP Consulting presented a proposal for continued work on strategic planning with the community for \$6,000. Ms Dolan Baumer made the motion to approve the SNAP proposal and Ms Runzel seconded the motion. After discussion where the Board recalled not wanting to use SNAP in the future, and specific instructions to Ms Habun that if a consultant was warranted, that she should look for another source, the motion was called. Motion to hire SNAP Consulting failed.

Brian Gorcowski	No	Ruth Beckner	No
Mel Runzel	No	Mary Alice Benoit	No
Katy Dolan Baumer	No	Rita Lopienski	No
Chris Van Herick	--		

Open Comment.

Ms Benoit congratulated the new Board leaders and wished them well in the coming years. She said that the MHB has been near and dear to her for so many years and now that she is moving on to something else, she wishes everyone on the Board the best of luck. Ms Benoit has been elected to the position of Township Trustee and will most likely serve on the Senior Citizens Committee. Ms Dolan Baumer echoed Ms Benoit's sentiments and thanked them for serving. Ms Dolan Baumer has been elected to the position of Clerk and will not hold a committee or Board liaison appointment.

Executive Session

Ms Runzel moved to go into executive session pursuant to §2(c)1 (Personnel) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act at 8:42 AM.

The Chair called the regular meeting back to order at 8:52 AM.

Other Items

- Ms Beckner gave an update on Autism and new activities
- Update on the Suicide Prevention Hotline activities with the Community Crisis Center
- Check out Walk out of Darkness
- Building Committee discussion was deferred to August.

Adjournment: At 8:55, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn; Ms Dolan Baumer made the motion, seconded by Ms Runzel – motion carried by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted



Kathleen M. Dolan Baumer  
Secretary