

Hanover Township Mental Health Board Minutes
May 28, 2024

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

Roll Call: Matt Steichmann, Mary Jane Garvey, Kathy Biesiadecki, Kristen Cruthers, and Trustee Denise Noyola. Not present Michelle Esquivel and Faiza Rahim. Also in attendance, Deputy Township Administrator Kristin Vana, Daniel Riemenschneider of Good Works, LLC., Jessica Kazaniwskyj of Rise Beyond Your Roots, and Jim Brunetti of Ecker Center.

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

Public Comment: Mr. Riemenschneider introduced himself and Good Works, LLC to the Board.

Presentations: Ms. Kazaniwskyj presented the challenge request from Rise Beyond Your Roots. She shared that the funds would be used to inform educators on being trauma informed. Ms. Cruthers asked about the specific of who the educators were and Ms. Biesiadecki asked about the specifics of how the funds would be utilized. Mr. Brunetti presented a capital request on behalf of Ecker Center. He explained the increasing need for a new security system and a key card system to enter and exit the building. This would also allow Ecker Center to keep track of who has access and when they utilize that access.

Manager's Report: Manager Teachout presented the Manager's Report and highlighted the Human Services Coordinating Council, a meeting with Elgin Community College representatives to build further partnerships, a meeting with Kane County to discuss the IRIS referral network, and the Request for Professional Services process that was going to take place over the summer.

Unfinished Business:

Staff Development Funding Request-Marklund- Ms. Garvey moved to consider the staff development funding request from Marklund in the amount of \$2,546 and Ms. Cruthers seconded the motion. Manager Teachout shared that Marklund had communicated the staff that would be attending the training were the Director of Nursing and the Nurse Care Manager. The Board agreed those were appropriate staff and a roll call occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Capital Funding Request-Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley-Manager Teachout informed the Board that Easterseals had withdrawn their request when realized their error of requesting for the same capital items two years in a row and expressed their apologies.

New Business:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2024: Ms. Garvey moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 23, 2024, and Trustee Noyola seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Challenge Funding Request-Rise Beyond Your Roots: Ms. Cruthers moved to approve the Challenge Funding Request from Rise Beyond Your Roots in the amount of \$25,000 and Trustee Noyola seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that to fund this project, they would need a clearer and more specific budget that included expenses, which early childhood centers in Hanover Township would receive the service and a curriculum. A roll call occurred, and the motion failed unanimously.

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

Ecker Center Capital Funding Request-Ms. Cruthers moved to consider the Ecker Center Capital Funding Request in the amount of \$23,000 and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Steichmann noted that although the project was needed, only about one quarter of the clients were Hanover Township residents and maybe the request should be more proportional. The Board agreed. Ms. Garvey moved to amend the motion from \$23,000 to \$6,000 and Ms. Cruthers seconded the motion to amend. A roll call occurred to amend the motion.

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

Trustee Noyola moved to approve the amended motion to award Ecker Center \$6,000 in capital funds and Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Ms. Biesiadecki requested a roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Consideration of Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities for Employment (TIDE) Taxi Voucher Program Operations-Manager Teachout referred back to an email sent to the Board on May 21 informing the Mental Health Board that the current TIDE provider, A1 Cabs was closing. Manager Teachout shared that all TIDE riders had been informed of the change and a temporary solution was in the works. Manager Teachout had been in contact with legal and liability insurance to see if the MHB could provide discounted Uber Vouchers to riders while a permanent solution found and was waiting to hear back. Manager Teachout had also been in contact with the RTA to discuss the Rideshare Access Program and moving as many TIDE Riders as eligible to that program. The Board concurred and Manager Teachout shared she would be working on this over the summer and have something more definitive in August.

Site Visit Update- Trustee Noyola shared about the Site Visit to Journeys the Road Home, a shelter in Palatine. She explained that this shelter was very all-encompassing and had recently moved into their new facility. They offered temporary shelter, permanent supportive housing, domestic abuse shelter, and all sorts of additional services. Trustee Noyola expressed disappointment that the shelter was so far from the Township and as a result did not serve as many residents as our closer locations.

Discussion of Staff Development Support-Ms Teachout shared that on of the fiscal year goals was to provide continuing education in some way to the funded agencies. She shared that Good Works LLC had presented at the Human Services Coordinating Council and stirred a lot of excitement. Ms. Esquivel and

Ms. Garvey attended that meeting and suggested the Board look into hiring Mr. Riemenschneider to provide mid-level management job coaching sessions to the funded agencies. The Board requested Manager Teachout to explore further and bring back a recommendation in August.

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

Trustee Noyola nominated Ms. Garvey as Vice Chair and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Trustee Noyola nominated Ms. Esquivel as Secretary and Ms. Garvey seconded. There being no other nominations, the motion passed.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Manager Teachout recognized Chair Biesiadecki and Ms. Cruthers for their service to the MHB and expressed gratitude on behalf of the whole Board. Mr. Steichmann also shared his gratitude.

Adjournment: Ms. Cruthers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm and Ms. Biesiadecki seconded seconded. The motion passed.