

Mental Health Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Benoit at 5:04 PM

Roll Call: Mary Alice Benoit, Linda Best, Karen Beyer, John Parquette, Mike Dexter, Ron Weglarz (5:10 PM). Also present Supervisor Brian McGuire, Administrator James Barr, Asst. Administrator Suzanne Powers, Mental Health Board Manager Kristin Vana, Hugh Brady, Co-Chair North/Northwest Suburban Task Force on Supportive Housing; Jessica Berzac, UP Development Vice President of Development.

Approval of Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Best, second by John Parquette. Approved by voice vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve regular meeting minutes of November 3, 2015 by Mr. Parquette, seconded by Ms. Best. Approved by voice vote

Presentation: UP Development Jessica Berzac, Vice President of Development for UP Development and Hugh Brady, Co-Chair of the North/Northwest Suburban Task Force on Supportive Housing discussed different permanent supportive housing (PSH) facilities within the northwest suburbs and the potential to create such housing within Hanover Township. Ms. Berzac explained that UP Development is responsible for applying for federal tax credits, such as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, in order to fund a large scale project, in addition to applying for different subsidies available to support operating costs. PSH facilities developed by UP Development will also have a service provider on site to provide social services. The PSH located in Mt. Prospect, Myer's Place, offers these services through Kenneth Young Center, who operates an office on-site. Further details regarding the application process, identification of a site, funding opportunities will be discussed at a follow up meeting. Mr. Brady discussed the North/Northwest Suburban Task Force's willingness to help with outreach and community dialog to gather support for such a project should the Township decide to move forward.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- a) **Next Action Steps for Task Force:** The Task Force will complete a summary for the Township Board that will discuss what the Task Force has completed in the last year. The Task Force will further discuss and research the different type of housing opportunities available and will submit a recommendation to the Hanover Township Board in April 2016.

Executive Session – None

Other Business – None

Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Weglarz, seconded by Mr. Dexter. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Vana