

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

September 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Cruthers at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Kathy Biesiadecki, Trustee Khaja Moinuddin, Matthew Steichmann, Kristen Cruthers, Deb Sirchia, Faiza Rahim and Mary Jane Garvey. Also present Amanda Teachout MHB Manager, Julie Frankino and Kat Kedryna from Little City, Suzanne Ploger from Journeys from PADS to Hope, and Jerry Skogmo from Renz.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Cruthers asked all in favor of approving the agenda to say aye. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: The Board heard requests for midyear funding from Julie Frankino regarding renovating the second bathroom in the Community Integrated Living Apartment Little City runs in Hanover Township, Suzanne Ploger, regarding a new van for Journeys from PADS to Hope and Jerry Skogmo regarding a new program for Medically Assisted Treatment at Renz Addictions Counseling.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2019: Ms. Cruthers asked all in favor of approving the regular meeting minutes of the August 27, 2019 to say aye. Ms. Cruthers pointed out an error in the minutes, stating the Finance Committee was actually supposed to meet in December, not February as indicated. Ms. Teachout noted the mistake and corrected it. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of July 2019 Financial Statement: Ms. Teachout noted that the August statement was not included in the Board packet, as the agenda stated as it was not provided in time for the meeting. Ms. Cruthers called for a vote and the Board unanimously approved the Financial Statement for July 2019.

Manager’s Report: The Manager’s Report was presented and reviewed. Manager Teachout touched on PADS of Elgin’s search for a new location.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Little City Capital Funding Request: Ms Biesiadecki moved to consider Little City’s Capital Funding request in the amount of \$14,021 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Ms Cruthers reminded the Board how much is left in capital funding. Ms. Rahim mentioned that mobility and accessibility are a major issue for the gentlemen living in the CILA home. Ms. Cruthers called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Journey from PADS to Hope Capital Funding Request: Ms Biesiadecki moved to consider the request of \$25,000 for a new van for Journey from PADS to Hope and Ms. Rahim seconded the motion. Ms. Biesiadecki informed the Board that historically, requests for vehicle were not funded because they were secondary to the main priorities of substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment and developmental delay of the Mental Health Board. Ms Cruthers noted her concern was the number of residents served. She noted that 5% of the clients from Journey from PADS to Hope were Township residents and perhaps the Board should reconsider the amount of the van to 5% of the request. Ms. Biesiadecki motioned to amend the original motion from \$25,000 to \$1,500 to reflect the residents served. Mr. Steichmann seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	No	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Community Alternatives Unlimited Staff Development Funding Request: Ms Garvey moved the Board consider the Staff Development Funding request in the amount of \$3,000 and Ms Sirchia seconded. The Board commented on the new agency and the relationship they are attempting to build. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

Renz Addictions Counseling Challenge Funding Request: Ms Sirchia moved the Board consider the request for Challenge Funding in the amount of \$10,000 and Ms. Rahim seconded. Ms. Biesiadecki noted that she was appreciative that Renz considered the percentage of Township residents served in the program relative to the total budget in the request. The Board agreed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Sirchia	Yes	Ms. Cruthers	Yes
Ms. Garvey	Yes	Trustee Moinuddin	Yes	Mr. Steichmann	Yes
Ms. Rahim	Yes				

American Humanity Helpers Challenge Funding Request: Mr. Steichmann moved the board consider the request for Challenge Funding in the amount of \$25,000 and Ms. Garvey seconded. Ms. Cruthers raised concerns about the application and apparent discrepancies in the annual budget provided. Ms. Sirchia questioned that if the agency cannot be at the meeting to answer questions and the application is incomplete, how can an educated decision be made. The motion was denied unanimously.

Ms. Biesiadecki	No	Ms. Sirchia	No	Ms. Cruthers	No
Ms. Garvey	No	Trustee Moinuddin	No	Mr. Steichmann	No
Ms. Rahim	No				

Adoption of 2020 Meeting Dates: The Board looked at the dates presented and changed two that fell in holiday weeks.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: The Board was reminded that the location of the October meeting would be in the Senior Center Lower Level.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Sirchia

Mental Health Board Secretary