

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

September 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Best at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Linda Best, Kathy Biesiadecki, Kim Baffa, Meghan Nelson, Kim Lemke and Julia Thomas. Also present: Kristin Vana, HTMHB Manager.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Ms. Biesiadecki, seconded by Ms. Baffa. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2014 meeting was moved by Ms. Lemke, seconded by Ms. Nelson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the Financials: A motion to approve the August 2014 financials was made by Ms. Biesiadecki and seconded by Ms. Baffa. Discussion ensued. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. Motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Baffa Yes Ms. Nelson Yes

Ms. Lemke Yes Ms. Thomas Yes

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed.

Unfinished Business: The Staff Development Grant changes were discussed. Ms. Best requested the Finance Committee meet for further evaluation.

New Business:

A. Approval of Site Visit Report and Schedule

Manager Vana presented schedule of site visits to MHB. Discussion ensued. MHB members signed up for site visits to occur over the next 6 months. Motion to approve site visit report was made by Ms. Lemke, seconded by Ms. Baffa. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. Motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Baffa Yes Ms. Nelson Yes

Ms. Lemke Yes Ms. Thomas Yes

B. Needs Assessment Discussion

A review of the Planning Committee meeting on September 10, 2014 regarding the MHB's next needs assessment was given by Ms. Best. Discussion ensued. Manager will reach out to University of Illinois at Rockford over the next couple of months to determine the best way to move forward with the next needs assessment.

C. AID Transportation Parameters

The AID transportation program and the need for a wait list were reviewed. Discussion ensued.

D. FY 2016 Funding Priorities

Ms. Best led a discussion of funding priorities for 2016. Discussion ensued. Funding Priorities will remain the same:

- 1) Focus Mental Health Board funding on mental health programs.
- 2) Expand funding for supportive services for adults with developmental disabilities and sobriety/recovery services for adults following treatment for alcoholism.
- 3) Strategies for bilingual services.
- 4) Strategies to provide quality prevention/awareness programs for non-professionals concerned with youth and adolescent mental health disorders, addiction, autism and other developmental disabilities.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Discussion ensued regarding annual grant applications received for FY 2016. It was determined that 10 agencies will need to present at grant hearings. The board will split grant hearings into two meetings, seeing 5 agencies in October and 5 agencies in November. Grant hearing meetings will begin at 6:00pm.

Manager Vana discussed potential task force to study housing for those with mental illness, as suggested by Township Supervisor McGuire. Additional information to be presented in the event the Township board approves Supervisor's proposal.

Public Comment: No one offered comments

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Baffa seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristin Vana
Mental Health Board Manager