

Hanover Township Mental Health Board

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

March 18, 2008

****Amended****

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Alice Benoit at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Gabrielle Infusino, Katy Dolan Baumer, Rita Lopienski, Ruth Beckner, and Mary Alice Benoit. A quorum was established. Executive Director Danise Habun and Community Outreach Representative Faust Villazon were present. Also present were residents Mel Runzel, Chris Van Herick and Melynda Litchfield. Examiner Report Laura Naykaza was

Approval of/Additions to Agenda

Rita Lopienski made the motion to accept the agenda as presented; Gabrielle Infusino seconded the motion. Danise Habun requested that we amend to say "Director's Report February" and to add a discussion of TIDE under New Business. Ms. Lopienski moved to accept the amended agenda; seconded by Ms. Infusino; and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008 – Rita Lopienski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Gabrielle Infusino. Unanimous voice vote followed.

Approval of Financials from February 2008

Motion to approve the financials from February 2008 was made by Katy Dolan Baumer and seconded by Rita Lopienski. The roll call was taken and the motion carried.

Brian Gorcowksi		Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes

Director's Report Highlights

Ms. Habun briefed the Board on activities over the past month, including in-depth work she is doing on behalf of legislation for the developmentally disabled population. She noted that we have one event per month planned pursuant to our Strategic Plan and that a couple have already occurred with successful outcomes. In addition, she mentioned that NAMI declined the proffered space at the Community Resource Center, reminding us that due to the Library expansion in Streamwood, space will not be available there for about 1.5 years. Outreach: Faust Villazon commented on the exciting work he is doing with the Faith Community, including the upcoming FCO Breakfast on March 29.

McCleod Invoice

Danise Habun discussed the McCleod invoice which is being researched and when that late charges and outstanding amount is clarified the bill will be presented to the board for payment.

NWCASA Update

There is a new director in place and we are hoping to get better documentation for 2009.

Capital Grant Request: Centro de Informacion

Motion was made by Katy Dolan Baumer and seconded by Rita Lopienski to grant the Centro de Informacion capital request: money for a copier, television and DVD player in the amount of \$4,286. Motion carried.

Brian Gorcowksi		Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes

New Business

Finance Committee Report

Mary Alice Benoit discussed the most recent Finance Committee with the Board and shared a report of the actions proposed for our long-term financial plan. The Committee directed Danise Habun to prepare a detailed description of what each line item contains so that we all have a better understanding of the distribution of each line item. Ms. Benoit also mentioned that an ad hoc committee (with herself, Ms. Habun and Ms. Dolan Baumer) would be set up to discuss future lease options (our lease for the CRC is up in 2010) and to bring recommendations to the Board for discussion and approval before going on to the Township Board.

TIDE Update

The Mental Health Board received a request from a TIDE participant requesting that we consider lowering the cost to the rider. Danise Habun suggested a \$5 cap on the cost. Ruth Beckner suggested that perhaps we consider putting a \$5 cap on the cost, but for only one year and that we analyze it each year to determine if it needs to be raised. Ms. Benoit asked that the item be on the agenda for the April meeting for our consideration.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Gabrielle Infusino and seconded by Rita Lopienski to move into Executive Session pursuant to §2c1: Personnel of the Open Meetings Act at 7:44 p.m.

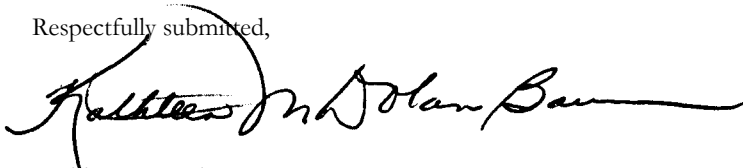
Reconvene to Regular Session

Mary Alice Benoit called the regular session back to order at 7:54 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn; the motion was made by Katy Dolan Baumer and seconded by Rita Lopienski; the consent was unanimous; meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen M. Dolan Baumer
Secretary