

Hanover Township Mental Health Board
Minutes of the Meeting
April 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Brian Gorcowski, chairman, at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Brian Gorcowski, Linda Best, Darrell Bice, Kristen Cruthers, Marvin Kramer, and Julie Runzel. A quorum was established. Also present: Suzanne Powers, HTMHB Coordinator; James Barr, Township Administrator; Katy Dolan, Township Clerk; Mike Bauman; Rick Nelson, Township Facilities Manager; Jamie Garcia and Leila Gomez-Bock, Centro de Informacion; John Parquette, Hanover Twp. Youth and Family Services; Daniela Krivak, Maryville Academy. Bill Burke joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Oath of Office: Township Clerk Katy Dolan administered the Oath of Office for newly appointed HTMHB member, Darrell Bice. Mr. Bice was welcomed to service on the board.

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

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2011, moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Ms Best. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Coordinators Report: The Coordinator's report was presented and reviewed. Ms Powers shared a letter received from Boys & Girls Club indicating a delay in the capital purchase of a bus. The agency will reapply for a Capital Grant in FY12. Ms Powers introduced agency representatives from Centro de Informacion, Hanover Township Youth and Family Services, and Maryville Academy to discuss their agency request for Challenge Grants. Discussion ensued. Representatives were thanked for their attendance.

Unfinished Business: Ms Powers noted that a review of the conflicting data from The Bridge Youth and Family Services would be available at the next meeting.

New Business

Challenge Grant Requests

Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve a Challenge Grant of \$15,407 for Centro de Informacion. Ms Runzel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Questions were raised regarding how well the project fits into the priorities of the HTMHB. It was suggest that the program needs to demonstrate direct efforts through counseling and/or collaboration targeted on mental health issues. Mr. Gorkowski called for a roll call vote. The motion failed to pass.

Brian Gorcowski	No	Linda Best	Yes
Darrell Bice	No	Kristen Cruthers	No
Marvin Kramer	No	Julie Runzel	No

Ms Best made a motion to approve a Challenge Grant of \$25,000 for Hanover Township Youth and Family Services prevention specialist program. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gorkowski called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Brian Gorcowski	Yes	Linda Best	Yes
Darrell Bice	Yes	Kristen Cruthers	Yes
Marvin Kramer	Yes	Julie Runzel	Yes

Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve a Challenge Grant of \$15,000 for Maryville Academy Casa Salama program. Ms Cruthers seconded the motion. Mr. Gorkowski called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Brian Gorcowski	Yes	Linda Best	Yes
Darrell Bice	Yes	Kristen Cruthers	Yes
Marvin Kramer	Yes	Julie Runzel	Yes

Mental Health Resource Center Renovation: Report on Bid Opening for the HTMHB Resource Center was presented. Discussion ensued regarding costs. A proposal to revise the renovation plans and limit the scope of the project was discussed. Such a plan would include in-house work through the Township Facilities Department. Concern was expressed that the project should retain the quality envisioned in the original plans. The Board decided to hold the bids for review next month. The Township Facility Director was asked to develop alternative proposals to include costs for items that could be done in-house and to provide the quality of the original project.

Executive Session: No Executive Session was held.

Other Business: Ms Powers noted that the representative of the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI) would not be able to meet with us on May 16 and asked that we consider meeting on May 17. The Board decided to remain with the May 16 date and to wait for the presentation until such time as ACHMHAI could attend a regularly scheduled meeting. Donors Forum will be invited to attend that meeting whenever it occurs.

Open Comment: Mr. Gorcowski welcomed Mr. Bice to the Board and thanked him for joining us.

Ms. Powers reported on the crucial issues facing local agencies as a result of state funding. Community Crisis Center is owed \$280,000 by the state and is facing possible closure if funds are not forthcoming. Ecker Center has cut their services 75% since only Medicaid patients are now receiving funding. Family Service Association also faces significant shortages.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, Mr. Kramer moved that meeting adjourn. Ms Best seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Best
Secretary