

Hanover Township Mental Health Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Alice Benoit at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Mel Runzel, Katy Dolan Baumer, Mary Alice Benoit, Chris Van Herick, Rita Lopienski; a quorum was established. Ruth Beckner arrived at 7:22. Also present were Director Danise Habun, Kevin Vaughn (STARS representative), Township Supervisor Mike Kelly, resident Gabrielle Infusino, and Laura Nykaza from Examiner Publications.

Recognition of Service

The Board made a presentation to Gabrielle Infusino to thank her for her many years of service to the Hanover Township Mental Health Board. Supervisor Kelly and Trustee Dolan Baumer then made a presentation to thank her on behalf of the Township Board.

Approval of/Additions to Agenda

Katy Dolan Baumer made the motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mel Runzel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 17, 2009 was made by Ms Lopienski and seconded by Ms Runzel. The roll call was taken to approve the minutes and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financials from March, 2009

Motion to approve the financials from March, 2009 was made by Ms Lopienski and seconded by Ms Runzel. The roll call was taken and the motion carried.

Brian Gorcowksi	--	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	Yes		

Director's Report Highlights: Report submitted. Ms Habun is working on a survey in conjunction with NAMI.

Network of Care Website: The website is doing well with many hits.

STARS Challenge Grant Request (\$45,000)

Ms Runzel moved and Ms Dolan Baumer seconded the motion to approve the STARS Challenge Grant request. The motion failed.

Brian Gorcowksi	--	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	No
Katy Dolan Baumer	No	Rita Lopienski	No
Chris Van Herick	No		

FY10 Contracts : Director Habun presented the contracts for the Chair and Secretary signatures.

Cherished Place Adult Day Care – Transportation Start-up – Grant Request (\$5,000)

Motion was made by Ms Lopienski to approve the Transportation Start-up Grant for Cherished Place (\$5,000) and seconded by Ms Runzel. The motion carried.

Brian Gorcowski	--	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	Yes		

Township Crisis / I&R Hotline Initial Research: The Board gave Ms Habun direction to proceed to pursue the idea of a Crisis Hotline with Community Crisis Center.

Building Committee: Item tabled until next meeting.

Salary Increases:

Ms Dolan Baumer moved to approve a retroactive increase in salary for FY10 at 2% for Ms. Habun, Director. The motion was seconded by Ms Lopienski. Motion carried.

Brian Gorcowski	--	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	Yes		

Ms Dolan Baumer moved to approve an increase in salary for FY10 at 2% for Ms. Basset, Community Resource Specialist, effective on her employment anniversary, October 10, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Van Herick. Motion carried.

Brian Gorcowski	--	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	Yes		

FY10 Officer Nomination

The following slate was nominated in motion form by Mr. Van Herick; seconded by Ms Runzel; motion carried.

Ms Lopienski - Chair

Mr. Van Herick - Vice Chair

Mr. Gorcowski - Secretary

Brian Gorcowski	--	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Mel Runzel	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	No	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Chris Van Herick	Yes		

Review of Upcoming Events

Open Comment

Ms Dolan Baumer presented a resolution against Sexual Abuse to the Town Board at the recent meeting; it passed. A new family counseling center will be opening later this month; Ms Dolan Baumer will get the information to Ms Habun for the grand opening. Executive Session minutes from March 17 were inadvertently missing from this meeting; will be presented during next meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn; the motion was made by Ms Runzel and seconded by Ms Lopienski and approved by unanimous consent at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Kathleen M. Dolan Baumer
Secretary