

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

August 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathy Biesiadecki at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Kathy Biesiadecki, Meghan Nelson, Maureen Lue, Linda Best, Mary Jane Garvey (6:12pm), Debra Sirchia, Also present James Barr, Administrator; Kristin Vana, MHB Manager; Jim Huenink, Northwest CASA; Suzanne Ploger, JOURNEYS The Road Home.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Lue. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: The board heard presentations from agencies requesting special grant funds exceeding \$10,000. Presenters included representatives from Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault and JOURNEYS The Road Home.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the May 10, 2016 was made by Ms. Best, seconded by Ms. Garvey. Discussion ensued. Trustee Benoit abstained. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Financials: Motion to approve the May 2016, June 2016 and July 2016 financials was made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Sirchia. Discussion ensued. Ms. Biesiadecki called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

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| Ms. Biesiadecki | Yes | Ms. Nelson | Yes | Ms. Garvey | Yes | Ms. Lue | Yes |
| Trustee Benoit | Yes | Ms. Sirchia | Yes | Ms. Best | Yes | | |

Manager’s Report: The Manager’s Report was presented and reviewed. Manager discussed the State of Illinois Stop Gap Budget bill and explained funded agencies have been told they will receive funds for FY16, however it is not clear when funds will be received. Manager also shared Maryville Academy will keep two of the residential programs operating at the Bartlett campus and will continue their annually funded Music Therapy program. Administrator Barr shared that he attended a meeting of the Elgin Human Services Planning Committee. The group consists of Elgin Mayor and local funders and partners that have met to discuss different opportunities to assist local human service agencies. The City of Elgin will no longer award grants to human services agencies and are looking at other ways to assist, such as the idea of a city owned building providing shared administrative services. The committee continues to research and will meet with Elgin agencies directors for feedback. Administrator Barr will continue to take part in this committee and will keep the Mental Health Board informed as information becomes available.

Unfinished Business: Trustee Benoit gave an update on the Mental Health Housing Task Force. The Township Board had a workshop on August 2nd to discuss the Mental Health Housing Task Force’s recommendation to move forward in partnership with UP Development to create a 40 unit, permanent supportive housing facility for those with mental illness and developmental disabilities. The Board has asked that the Task Force do its due diligence by further researching UP Development, conduct 2-3 site visits to existing facilities by UP Development and obtain letters of reference from villages and human service agencies that have worked with UP. This will be completed by the first of the year.

New Business:

Emergency Grant Request: Northwest CASA: Northwest CASA made a request for emergency funds in the amount of \$25,000 to support the agency as it continues to experience financial stressors due to the State of Illinois budget impasse. A motion to approve \$25,000 was made by Ms. Best, seconded by Trustee Benoit. Discussion ensued. The board noted the importance of this service, however also made note of the low amount of Hanover Township residents served. Ms. Biesiadecki called for a roll call vote. The motion was denied.

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| Ms. Biesiadecki | No | Ms. Nelson | No | Ms. Garvey | No | Ms. Lue | No |
| Trustee Benoit | No | Ms. Sirchia | No | Ms. Best | No | | |

Emergency Grant Request: JOURNEYS The Road Home.: JOURNEYS requested \$25,000 in emergency funding after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) cut funding for supportive services effective October 2016. A motion to approve \$25,000 in emergency funding was made by Ms. Lue, seconded by Trustee Benoit. Discussion ensued. It was noted that JOURNEYS has seen many clients that have been turned away from other agencies due to the budget impasse, however a small amount of those clients are Hanover Township residents. Ms. Biesiadecki called for a roll call vote. The motion was denied.

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| Ms. Biesiadecki | No | Ms. Nelson | No | Ms. Garvey | No | Ms. Lue | No |
| Trustee Benoit | No | Ms. Sirchia | No | Ms. Best | No | | |

Staff Development Grant Request: Little City Foundation: Little City Foundations requests \$3,000 in staff development funds to implement the GRACE (Generating Resource for Aging through Collaborative Energies) Project for staff who care for the aging adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at their Hanover Park CILA home. A motion to approve \$3,000 in staff development funding was made by Ms. Best, seconded by Ms. Nelson. Discussion ensued. Ms. Biesiadecki called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

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| Ms. Biesiadecki | Yes | Ms. Nelson | Yes | Ms. Garvey | Yes | Ms. Lue | Yes |
| Trustee Benoit | Yes | Ms. Sirchia | Yes | Ms. Best | Yes | | |

Staff Development Grant Request: DayOne PACT: DayOne PACT requests \$3,000 in staff development funds for 20 staff members in the Community Access Program to attend the Arc of

Illinois Conference in October 2016. A motion to approve \$3,000 in staff development funding was made by Trustee Benoit, seconded by Ms. Garvey. Discussion ensued. It was noted the Mental Health Board's strategic plan has a focus on outreach and education for autism. Ms. Biesiadecki called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

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| Trustee Benoit | Yes | Ms. Sirchia | Yes | Ms. Best | Yes | | |

Prevailing Wages Ordinance: Ordinance #MHB-82316 was submitted for approval. Ms. Lue made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Ms. Sirchia. Discussion ensued. Ms. Biesiadecki called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

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| Trustee Benoit | Yes | Ms. Sirchia | Yes | Ms. Best | Yes | | |

Executive Session: Ms. Nelson moved to go into executive session pursuant to paragraph 2(c)1 (Personnel) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Ms. Garvey seconded the motion. Ms. Biesiadecki called for a roll call vote. Motion was approved.

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| Ms. Biesiadecki | Yes | Ms. Nelson | Yes | Ms. Garvey | Yes | Ms. Lue | Yes |
| Trustee Benoit | Yes | Ms. Sirchia | Yes | Ms. Best | Yes | | |

Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

Chair called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.

Other Business: Manager Vana is in the process of finalizing site visit schedules to Boys and Girls Club in August and Maryville Academy in September. Both visits will be completed prior to the next Mental Health Board meeting.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Trustee Benoit moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Lue
Mental Health Board Secretary