

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

February 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Best at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Linda Best, Kathy Biesiadecki, Kim Lemke, Meghan Nelson, Mary Alice Benoit, Maureen Lue and Mary Jane Garvey. Also present Katy Dolan Baumer, Township Clerk; Kristin Vana, MHB Manager; Gregg Stockey, Executive Director Bridge YFS and Cynthia Gunderson, Executive Director Catholic Charities.

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

Oath of Office: Clerk Dolan administered the oath of office to two new board members, Maureen Lue and Mary Jane Garvey.

Public Comment: None

Emergency Grant Presentations: Gregg Stockey, Executive Director for The Bridge YFS and Cynthia Gunderson, Executive Director for Catholic Charities presented their emergency funding requests to the board. The Bridge will begin to cut the crisis intervention program for lockouts and runaways by April should no additional funding be secured. The Bridge is currently owed \$430,000. Catholic Charities stated cuts may begin soon, but was not sure when. Emergency funds would assist staffing within senior programming. Catholic Charities is currently owed \$320,000 from the state for senior services including respite care, caregiver program, etc.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the amended minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting was moved by Ms. Lemke, seconded by Ms. Nelson. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2016 was made by Ms. Biesiadecki, seconded by Ms. Lemke. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved with 6 ayes. Trustee Benoit abstained.

Approval of the Financials: Motion to approve the January 2016 financials was made by Ms. Lemke, seconded by Ms. Biesiadecki. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved.

Ms. Best	Yes	Ms. Nelson	Yes	Trustee Benoit	Yes	Mary Jane Garvey	Yes
Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Lemke	Yes	Maureen Lue	Yes		

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager informed the board that Northwest Compass had become the permanent new agency sponsor for the Legacy Corps program and services will continue to Hanover Township veterans without interruption. LSSI discontinued services February 22, 2016. Northwest Compass will also become the new tenant at the Resource Center, as they are interested in maintaining an office in Streamwood. Manager also reviewed the Three-Year Strategic Plan document and will have the final draft ready for approval at the March meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Emergency Grant Request: Ecker Center for Mental Health: Ecker Center for Mental Health made a request for \$25,000 for emergency funding to help sustain services due to the State of Illinois budget impasse. A motion to approve \$25,000 was made by Trustee Benoit, seconded by Ms. Biesiadecki. Discussion ensued. Trustee Benoit amended the motion to approve \$10,000 in emergency funding to Ecker Center for Mental Health, seconded by Ms. Biesiadecki. Discussion ensued. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. Motion was approved.

Ms. Best	Yes	Ms. Nelson	Yes	Trustee Benoit	Yes	Mary Jane Garvey	Yes
Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Lemke	Yes	Maureen Lue	Yes		

Emergency Grant Request: The Bridge Youth and Family Services: The Bridge made a request for \$25,000 in emergency funding to support their crisis intervention program for youth lockouts and runaways due to the lack of state funding in FY 16. A motion to approve this request was made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Biesiadecki. Discussion ensued. It was noted without The Bridge offering crisis intervention services, client cases would fall heavily on police social workers who frequently refer to The Bridge for assistance. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

Ms. Best	Yes	Ms. Nelson	Yes	Trustee Benoit	Yes	Mary Jane Garvey	Yes
Ms. Biesiadecki	Yes	Ms. Lemke	Yes	Maureen Lue	Yes		

Emergency Grant Request: Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities made a request for \$25,000 in emergency funding to support senior services. A motion to approve this request was made by Trustee Benoit, seconded by Ms. Nelson. Discussion ensued. It was noted that due to limited funds, funding direct services was a priority of the board. Catholic Charities is encouraged to apply for funding again in the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. Motion was denied.

Ms. Best	No	Ms. Nelson	No	Trustee Benoit	No	Mary Jane Garvey	No
Ms. Biesiadecki	No	Ms. Lemke	No	Maureen Lue	No		

Sprint 2 Spring, 5k Sponsorship: A motion to approve a \$500, Gold Level Sponsorship for the Sprint 2 Spring 5k was made by Ms. Biesiadecki, seconded by Ms. Lemke. Discussion ensued. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Nelson Yes Trustee Benoit Yes Mary Jane Garvey Yes

Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Lemke Yes Maureen Lue Yes

Planning and By-Laws Committee Review: Ms. Lemke reviewed discussions at the Planning Committee meeting that took place on February 18, 2016. The committee reviewed the MHB by-laws, in addition to discussing potential contingency plans should funded agencies begin to shut their doors. The committee also discussed the three year strategic plan which will be completed in March. The next meeting will take place March 10, 2016 to further evaluate the distribution of MHB funds in FY 17.

Site Visit Review: Summit Center: Ms. Best, Trustee Benoit and Manager Vana visited Summit Early Learning Center in Elgin on February 23, 2016. The early childhood program is for children showing some delays, however do not have a diagnosed disability. This program serves children who do not qualify for early intervention services, but are close to the 30% delay threshold. 90 students are served through the preschool program, 23 children are from Hanover Township. There was no recommendation made for additional follow up.

FY 2015 Site Visit Schedule: Manager Vana presented the agency site visit schedule for FY 2017 beginning in April 2016. MHB members were asked to sign up for at least two visits. The MHB has a goal of completing 9 site visits again this fiscal year.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Ms. Lemke informed the board that she would be moving out of the township next month and this would be her last meeting. The board thanked Ms. Lemke for her four years serving on the Mental Health Board.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Biesiadecki moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lemke seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristin Vana
Mental Health Board Manager