

Hanover Township Mental Health Board

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

August 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Alice Benoit at 7:08 PM.

Roll Call: Sandy Westlund-Deenihan, Gabrielle Infusino, Katy Dolan Baumer, and Mary Alice Benoit, Rita Lopienski, Gabrielle Infusino and Ruth Beckner; Brian Gorcowski joined the meeting at 8:35 PM. A quorum was established. Executive Director Danise Habun and CRS Veronica Laude Noland were also present. Public in attendance: Township resident Linda Best.

Introduction of New Employee

The Board welcomed Veronica Laude Noland, new part-time staff member, Community Resource Specialist, to the Mental Health Board.

Approval of/Additions to Agenda

Ruth Beckner made moved to accept the agenda as presented; Gabrielle Infusino seconded the motion. Danise Habun asked that the Board make a correction in the agenda making item 6aB "Approval of Cabling Quote" rather than "contract;" Katy Dolan Baumer asked that we consider shortening the agenda; discussion ensued; item 6aB was changed. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Minutes from May and July, 2007

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2007, the executive session of May 15, 2007, and the special meeting of July 25, 2007 was made by Gabrielle Infusino and seconded by Sandy Westlund-Deenihan. Katy Dolan Baumer noted that she inadvertently misspelled Brian Gorcowski's name and provided a new set of minutes for the special meeting of July 25 with the correction. In addition, the minutes of May 15 were amended to include the phrase "create a conflict of interest" at section 7i. Ruth Beckner suggested that the minutes from May 15 should be signed. Gabrielle Infusino amended her motion to accept the minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Rita Lopienski and unanimously accepted by the Board.

Financial Reports from May, June and July 2007

Motion to accept the May, June and July 2007 financial reports was made by Katy Dolan Baumer and seconded by Sandy Westlund-Deenihan. The roll was taken and the motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Cabling Quote for the Community Resource Center

Purchase of Telephones for the Community Resource Center

Katy Dolan Baumer made the motion that the Board approves the cabling quote from Parlance Telephony as presented; Rita Lopienski seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the need for the new equipment and that the cabling was necessary for new equipment. This cost would be \$5,835 for the Cabling and \$6,852 for the Telephones. Katy Dolan Baumer amended the motion to approve the purchase of the telephone equipment and the cabling quote, both from Parlance Telephony, together; Gabrielle Infusino seconded the amended motion. Roll call was taken and the motion failed.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	No	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	No	Mary Alice Benoit	No
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	No		

Hanover Township Mental Health Board 3-Year Strategic Plan FY08

Motion was made by Gabrielle Infusino to endorse the Hanover Township Mental Health Board 3-Year Strategic Plan FY08 as presented; Rita Lopienski seconded the motion. Many changes were discussed and made to the plan. Gabrielle Infusino amended the motion to endorse the plan as amended. Sandy Westlund-Deenihan seconded the amended motion. Chairperson Benoit asked for a voice vote to endorse the 3-Year Strategic Plan FY08 as amended; endorsement carried.

Affirmation of Vote of Officers from May 15, 2007 Meeting

Sandy Westlund-Deenihan moved to affirm the vote of officers from May 15, 2007, where the Board approved Katy Dolan Baumer as Board Secretary and Mary Alice Benoit as Chairperson for 2007-08; Rita Lopienski seconded the vote. The motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Election of Board Vice Chairperson (tabled to later because Brian Gorcowski was not yet at the meeting).

FY08 Agency Contract Signing – Catholic Charities

The Board was allowed time to review the contract, which had been approved for signature by the Board attorney. Chairperson Benoit and Secretary Dolan Baumer signed the contract.

FY08 Agency Contract Signing – Special Education Advocacy Center – \$1,000

Motion was made by Ruth Becker to grant \$1,000 to the Special Education Advocacy Center from the budgeted Contract Support line item for one-time support; Rita Lopienski seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the insurance status of the Center. Chairperson Benoit called for the vote. The motion failed.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	No	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	No
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	No		

Capital Grant Application: Renz Addition Counseling Center: Renz Capital Expansion – \$100,000
 Item discussed; no motion was made.

Capital Grant Application: Ecker Center for Mental Health: Records Scanning System – \$2,041

Gabrielle Infusino made the motion to approve \$2,041 for records scanning equipment for the Ecker Center for Mental Health; Sandy Westlund-Deenihan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Capital Grant Application: DayOneNetwork: ADA Compliance Build-Out – \$5,000

Katy Dolan Baumer moved to approve the capital grant to DayOneNetwork for \$5,000 for ADA compliance build-out. Rita Lopienski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Capital Grant Application: The Larkin Center: General Repairs – \$15,000

Rita Lopienski made the motion to grant The Larkin Center \$15,000 for general repairs as noted in the narrative section in their grant application; Gabrielle Infusino seconded the motion. After discussion and discovery that none of Hanover Township residents are clients, Rita Lopienski amended the motion to grant The Larkin Center \$5,000 for general repairs as noted; Sandy Westlund-Deenihan made the second. The amended motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Capital Grant Application: Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago: Marketing Brochures, Interpreter Services and other Supplies – \$6,500

Sandy Westlund-Deenihan made the motion to grant the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago \$6,500 for Outreach Clinic marketing brochures, interpreter services and other supplies; Ruth Beckner seconded the motion. After discussion and discovery that within the grant were services of an interpreter (not a capital grant item), Sandy amended her motion to grant the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago \$4,250 with the stipulation that it does not include the services of the interpreter; Rita Lopienski seconded the amended motion. The amended motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Capital Grant Application: Boys & Girls Club of Elgin: New Clubhouse Capital Grant – \$5,000

Gabrielle Infusino moved to approve the application from the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin for the building of their new clubhouse; Rita Lopienski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	N/A	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Challenge Grant Application: Community Crisis Center: Strategies for Safety (Prevention) Program – \$15,000

Rita Lopienski moved to approve the application from the Community Crisis Center for the sexual assault prevention Strategies for Safety Program for \$15,000; Brian Gorcowski seconded the motion. After discussion regarding the support from the parents, administration, partnering agencies participation, and the general program description, the Chairperson called for a vote. The motion failed.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	No	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	No	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	No	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	No		

Challenge Grant Application: Renz Addiction Counseling Center: Hip Hop (Prevention) Program – \$9,000

Katy Dolan Baumer moved to grant the Renz Addiction Counseling Center \$9,000 to fund its drug and alcohol prevention program called Hip Hop; Gabrielle Infusino seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	Yes	Ruth Beckner	Yes
Gabrielle Infusino	Yes	Mary Alice Benoit	Yes
Brian Gorcowski	Yes	Rita Lopienski	Yes
Katy Dolan Baumer	Yes		

Election of Board Vice Chairperson (tabled until board member and candidate Brian Gorcowski arrived)

Sandy Westlund-Deenihan, a candidate for the position of Vice Chairperson with Brian Gorcowski and Ruth Beckner, withdrew her name from consideration. The Chairperson thanked Sandy, and asked that when called, each Board member state the name of the candidate they support; she then asked the Secretary to call the roll. The members selected Brian Gorcowski as Vice Chairperson for the 2007-08 year. The Chairperson thanked Immediate Past Chairperson Ruth Beckner for her interest in this position; she also congratulated Brian Gorcowski on his successful election to the Vice Chairperson position.

Sandy Westlund Deenihan	<i>Brian Gorcowski</i>	Ruth Beckner	<i>Ruth Beckner</i>
Gabrielle Infusino	<i>Ruth Beckner</i>	Mary Alice Benoit	<i>Brian Gorcowski</i>
Brian Gorcowski	<i>Brian Gorcowski</i>	Rita Lopienski	<i>Brian Gorcowski</i>
Katy Dolan Baumer	<i>Brian Gorcowski</i>		

Adjourn into Executive Session

Katy Dolan Baumer made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to §2c1 (Personnel) of the Open Meetings Act; Sandy Westlund-Deenihan seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

Adjourn back into the Regular Meeting

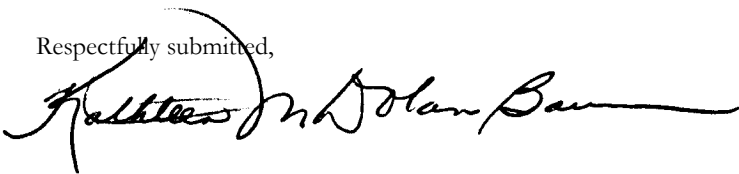
Chairperson Benoit called the meeting to order after returning from Executive Session at 9:57 PM.

Chairperson Benoit asked for Open Comment.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn; the motion was made by Rita Lopienski and seconded by Sandy Westlund-Deenihan; the consent was unanimous; meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen M. Dolan Baumer
Secretary