**HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**MINUTES of the MEETING**

**August 25, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mary Jane Garvey at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mary Jane Garvey, Matt Steichmann, Marilyn Perri, Jordan Wildermuth, Liz Eyas, and Don Ullrich. Heidi McGuire participated virtually in accordance with the Hanover Township Electronic Attendance Rules and Procedures. Also present, Administrative Services Manager Hailey Matich, Administrative Specialist Brianna Jagers, Deputy Township Administrator Kristin Vana, The Aura Foundation Executive Director Jen Mendoza, and Fellowship Housing Grant Administrator Becky Canady.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the agenda of August 25, 2026 and Ms. Perri seconded. The motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

Presentations:

The Aura Foundation – Ms. Mendoza presented on the agency's Challenge Funding Request. She shared details on the organization's Heal the Healer program. The program would provide a six month cohort for 14 Hanover Township residents working in frontline caregiving roles. Ms. Mendoza explained that this program does not exist in Hanover Township and would be brand new.

Fellowship Housing – Ms. Canady presented Fellowship Housing's Capital Funding Request. The request included office furniture items for the agency's newly expanded office space. She explained that Fellowship Housing recently expanded the existing office space and the new space allows all staff to work from one central location. The items included in the Capital Request would complete the additional office furnishings.

**Staff Report:** The Staff Report was presented. Administrative Services Manager Matich shared details on mental health related meetings and groups that staff attended throughout the months of June and July. Details were also provided on upcoming funded agency site visits, grant management software, and the upcoming Human Services Coordinating Council meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** none.

**New Business:**

**Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026:** Ms. Perri moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 26, 2026 and Ms. Eyas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the July 2026 Financial Statements**: Ms. McGurie moved to approve the July 2026 Financial Statements and Mr. Steichmann seconded the motion. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion passed.

Ms. Garvey Yes Mr. Steichmann Yes Mr. Wildermuth Yes

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| Ms. Eyas | Yes | Mr. Kondrath | Yes | Ms. McGuire | Yes |
| Ms. Perri | Yes | Mr. Ullrich | Yes | | |

**Approval of the Mental Health Board Operating Rules and Procedures:** Administrative Services Manager Matich explained that the Mental Health Board By-Laws were last updated in 2017 and detailed the updates in the newly named Mental Health Board Operating Rules and Procedures. Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the Mental Health Board Operating Rules and Procedures as presented and Ms. Perri seconded the motion. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion passed.

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| Ms. Garvey | Yes | Mr. Steichmann | Yes | Mr. Wildermuth | Yes |
| Ms. Eyas | Yes | Mr. Kondrath | Yes | Ms. McGuire | Yes |
| Ms. Perri | Yes | Mr. Ullrich | Yes | | |

**Approval of the Amended Little City Contract:** Administrative Services Manager Matich explained that part of the services included in Little City's Annual Funding contract does not serve Hanover Township residents and that the amended contract would only include services provided to Hanover Township residents. Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the amended Little City contract and Mr. Kondrath seconded the motion. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call and the motion passed.

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| Ms. Garvey | Yes | Mr. Steichmann | Yes | Mr. Wildermuth | Yes |
| Ms. Eyas | Yes | Mr. Kondrath | Yes | Ms. McGuire | Yes |
| Ms. Perri | Yes | Mr. Ullrich | Yes | | |

**Challenge Funding Request – The Aura Foundation:** Ms. Perri moved to approve The Aura Foundation Challenge Funding Request in the amount of $25,000 and Mr. Steichmann seconded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wildermuth expressed concern that this program has not been offered in Hanover Township or elsewhere before and would like to see results following a year of the program. Mr. Steichmann said there is a need for support services and frontline workers. Ms. Garvey and Ms. Eyas expressed concern that the agency had not yet identified interested Hanover Township residents. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion did not pass.

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| Ms. Garvey | No | Mr. Steichmann | No | Mr. Wildermuth | No |
| Ms. Eyas | No | Mr. Kondrath | No | Ms. McGuire | No |
| Ms. Perri | No | Mr. Ullrich | No | | |

**Capital Funding Request – Fellowship Housing:** Mr. Steichmann moved to approve the Fellowship Housing Capital Funding Request in the amount of $14,018.62 and Ms. Perri seconded. Discussion ensued. The Mental Health Boars discussed funding part of the request. Mr. Wildermuth and Mr. Ullrich expressed they were in favor of funding the entire request, recognizing the importance of having a cohesive, professional office space. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion passed.

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| Ms. Garvey | No | Mr. Steichmann | Yes | Mr. Wildermuth | Yes |
| Ms. Eyas | Yes | Mr. Kondrath | Yes | Ms. McGuire | Yes |

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| Ms. Perri | Yes | Mr. Ullrich | Yes | | |

**Mental Health Housing Funding Request:** Deputy Township Administrator Vana presented Hanover Township's Mental Health Housing request and explained how the funding is used to support Township services at the permanent supportive housing facility, Hanover Landing. Ms. Eya moved to approve the Mental Health Housing Funding Request in the amount of $36,000 and Ms. Perri seconded. Discussion ensued. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion passed.

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| Ms. Garvey | Yes | Mr. Steichmann | Yes | Mr. Wildermuth | Yes |
| Ms. Eyas | Yes | Mr. Kondrath | Yes | Ms. McGuire | Yes |
| Ms. Perri | Yes | Mr. Ullrich | Yes | | |

**Consideration of Just 4 the Health of Health Expo Sponsorship:** Mr. Steichmann moved to sponsor the Just 4 the Health of It Health Expo in the amount of $500 at the Gold level. Ms. Perri seconded. Ms. Garvey requested a roll call. The motion passed.

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| Ms. Garvey | Yes | Mr. Steichmann | Yes | Mr. Wildermuth | Yes |
| Ms. Eyas | Yes | Mr. Kondrath | Yes | Ms. McGuire | Yes |
| Ms. Perri | Yes | Mr. Ullrich | Yes | | |

**Consideration of Mental Health Board 50th Anniversary:** Deputy Township Administrator Vana and Administrative Services Manager Matich shared that 2027 is the 50th anniversary of the Hanover Township Mental Health Board and discussed ideas to recognize the anniversary. The Mental Health Board provided feedback on the different ideas and asked staff to return to the September meeting with additional ideas and plans for the 50th anniversary recognition.

**Site Visit Update:** The Mental Health Board members shared reports following funded agency site visits to Family Services Association of Greater Elgin, Ecker Center for Behavioral Health, Hanover Landing, Easterseals of DuPage and Fox Valley, and About Behavioral Change.

**Executive Session:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, Mr. Steichmann moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Eyas seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Wildermuth
Mental Health Board Secretary