



Mental Health Committee Meeting Minutes November 1, 2016

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Schaumburg Township Mental Health Committee was called to order by Chair Susan Weisz at 7:00 PM on November 1, 2016. Present were Susan Weisz, Board of Trustees liaison Diane Dunham, Janet Abri, Carmie Hanley, MaryAnn Ogilvie, Vicki Osborn, Lauren Saturnus, Tom Sucher, Grace Thornton, and Joanmarie Vermes. Jillian Bernas had an excused absence.
- II. Welcome/Introduction of Visitors:** Lindsey Kaminsky was welcomed as the newly promoted Assistant to the Administrator in the Township Clerk's Office. Mary Cloonan Walsh is interested in becoming an associate member and was a visitor at the October 4, 2016 meeting.
- III. Agency Representative Visit:** Michelle McCullough, Social Work Supervisor of the Salvation Army Family and Community Services presented information on the services offered to Schaumburg residents. The Salvation Army is celebrating its 80th year as an agency addressing the needs of families throughout Chicagoland. There was a Q&A session following the presentation.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Susan Weisz motioned to approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting. Joanmarie Vermes motioned for the Minutes to be amended due to omitting her name as an attending MHC member on Township Day. After discussion, Joanmarie made a motion to amend the minutes to include her name. The motion was seconded. All members present were in favor of amending the Minutes and none opposed.
- V. Correspondence:** Correspondence was circulated for review.
- VI. Review of Agency Bills:** Agency bills were circulated for review.
- VII. Old Business:**
 - A. Agency Visits Schedule - January thru April 2017**
 - Life Span – January 2017 confirmed
 - Northwest CASA – February 2017 to be confirmed
 - PHD – March 2017 to be confirmed
 - LSSI – April 2017 to be confirmed

B. November Board of Trustee Meeting – MHC Report to the Board:

Lauren Saternus will present a MHC report on this year's Minds Matter Event at the November 15, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting. Tom Sucher will distribute Flash drives to board members of his PowerPoint presentation *Reflections on Mental Health*. All MHC members were encouraged to attend.

C. Ideas for the Mental Health Committee in the year ahead:

Nimish Jani, Susan Weisz and Vicki Osborn will meet with District Superintendent Dr. Daniel Cates on November 4, 2016 to formally discuss ways in which the MHC and the school District can work together.

Mary Ann Ogilvie contacted Linden Oaks Behavioral Health to obtain information about their Mental Health First Aid training. The cost is \$500 for an 8-hour class. A two day 4-hour class can also be arranged. Linden Oaks can train up to 30 people per class with each participant paying \$20 for books and materials. Continuing Education Units are available for those who need them.

The Kenneth Young Center provides de-escalation training but will need more information from the MHC before making a commitment. Lindsey Kaminsky has also been in contact with the Kenneth Young Center about coordinating the 4-hour de-escalation training for Schaumburg employees. Lauren Saternus had also learned that the Disability Services at the Township had hosted a Mental Health First Aid Training in 2012.

Joanmarie Wermes attended a domestic violence seminar at Saint Hubert Church. She talked with police officers there about how police respond to persons with developmental disabilities or mental health problems. Police officers are willing to talk to the MHC on this topic.

Tom Sucher requested removal of his Mental Health power point presentation on the TOS website. Tom stated that the slides move too quickly, the text is out of alignment, and there is no music. He will make revisions and review the presentation before it is posted on the website to ensure it is working properly. Lindsey Kaminsky will contact TOS website maintenance about this issue.

D. Funding Applications and Requests for 2017-2018:

Funding applications were e-mailed to agencies on October 15, 2016. The applications are due on November 14, 2016. Lindsey Kaminsky will forward the applications to Susan Weisz. Susan will then send the applications and agreements to all MHC

members. Each liaison should review the funding application and be prepared to discuss it at the December meeting.

VIII. New Business:

Janet Abri submitted a written report to the MHC regarding her meeting with Directors of Portrait Health Center. The agency is requesting a \$25,000 grant from the Township to develop a pilot program for 200 families. Although the Portrait Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, Portrait Health Center appears to be a for-profit organization. Joanmarie Wermes suggested that the MHC review the by-laws to determine if TOS can fund a for-profit organization. In conclusion, Susan Weisz stated that it is too late for the organization to request funding for the next fiscal year. She suggested the committee might want to invite the agency to participate in Minds Matter in 2017.

IX. Agency Reports:

Diane Dunham – Board Liaison Report – The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Board of Trustees room. Tom Sucher has a plaque in the TOS building to honor him as a veteran of WWII. Lindsey Kaminsky will be introduced as the newly promoted Assistant to the Administrator in the Township Clerk's Office

Administrative Assistant in the Township Clerk's Office

Carmie Hanley – PHD

Joanmarie Wermes – Lutheran Social Services

Tom Sucher – SHARE

Lauren Saternus – Northwest CASA

Janet Abri – Kenneth Young Center

Vicki Osborn – The Salvation Army

MaryAnn Ogilvie – Life Span

X. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

XI. Committee Member Comments:

Susan informed the committee that submission of articles or notices of events must be sent to the Town Crier by December 5th in order for them to appear in the February 2017 issue. Susan reported on an email she received from the Village of Hoffman Estates Health and Human Services. The agency provides several low cost groups for couples, men and women in the weeks ahead. Grace Thornton offered to post this information on the MHC's Facebook page. Susan reported that Tom Sucher started his volunteer work at Northwest CASA answering crisis hotline calls.

XII. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the MHC is scheduled for December 6, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Schaumburg Township Building.

XIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Mary Ann Ogilvie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Osborn

Secretary