

**Special Board Meeting of the Board of the Trustees of Elk Grove Township
Elk Grove Township Hall, 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights IL
February 17, 2016**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Trustees Koshaba (6:32), Satern, Niewiardowski and Ingraffia Present. In Attendance: Deputy Clerk/Administrator Pioch
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Agency Interviews:** Eight (8) Agencies were scheduled and interviewed. The representative(s) from each Agency provided various details and information about their specific Agency along with their funds requests. Discussion took place between the Board members and the Agencies. The recap of the discussion with each Agency is provided below.
 - A. Kenneth Young Center (KYC): **Requested Amount-\$225,000**
 - KYC has been providing Behavioral Health and Senior Care for 45 years.
 - Last year 24,000 people were served.
 - The organization is fiscally healthy despite the State's budget crisis and they are requesting additional funds to help them offset some lost revenue due to the State cutting 40% of the funds that were previously provided for Psychiatric services, which is the core of all KYC services.
 - Their facilities include the Meyers Place Mt. Prospect Regional Drop-In Center where supportive services are provided.
 - There are currently 1,673 open clients from Elk Grove Township residents that are patients of KYC.
 - B. Elk Grove Township Day Care: **Requested Amount-\$230,000**
 - A handout from the Director provided a breakout of the cost per child.
 - The per diem reimbursement from the State for child care has not be increased since 2012.
 - Last year parents could make 185% of the poverty level and still qualify for assistance.
 - As of July 1, 2015 \$500 was the most a person could earn and still receive child care assistance from the state. This revised amount led to the Day Care not enrolling any new families between July and November.
 - In November the percentage was revised to 164% of the poverty level in order to qualify for child care assistance.
 - The Day Care Director commented that they were hoping for better things to come and that the State would pass a Budget so some of these pending issues could be resolved.
 - The Day Care currently serves 105 children. Their maximum is 164.
 - C. Shelter: **Requested Amount-\$69,000**
 - Services are available 24 hours/day. When a child needs to be placed they are the only Agency in the area that provides this service availability.

- They have one home for boys located in Palatine, one home for girls located in Schaumburg.
 - They have a Group Home that is a 6 bed facility and is located in Arlington Heights that transitions boys into the community.
 - Healthy Families is a home-visiting program that teaches parenting skills and reduces stress in the homes for first-time parents. In fiscal year 2015 they reported 211 Elk Grove Township residents had been assisted through this program and there are currently 26 Township families now being served.
 - Director advised that the State is not funding one of their programs
- D. Lutheran Social Services: **Requested Amount-\$60,000**
- Lutheran Social Services (LSS) recently laid off 50% of their staff (750) people due to State reductions.
 - LSS was the largest Social Service Agency in the State for 100 years, until the recent layoffs.
 - LSS closed their in-patient locations.
 - They provide bilingual services in the Northwest suburbs outpatient locations.
 - They are in need of funds to stay in operation.
 - The funds provided by Elk Grove Township go to the Northwest Suburban Outpatient program which serves adolescents and is kind of unique in that way.
- E. Journeys – The Road Home: **Requested Amount-\$15,000**
- Journeys serves 10 Townships and 37 Villages.
 - They have 18 Faith Partner sites, 3 of which are in Elk Grove Township (St. Marks, Christus Victor and Trinity United).
 - They have served 84 clients so far in 2016. This breaks down to 58 Caucasian, 21 Black, 2 Asian, 2 American Indian and 1 Multi-Racial.
 - They are seeing more 2 parent families that are in need of their services.
 - The Hope Center, located at their offices in Palatine, has 40-60 visitors/day.
 - Journeys does not receive any funding from the State. They receive 30% from Federal Funds/HUD, 20% from both Individuals and Events that they hold, 17% from Churches and the remaining 13% from Corporate giving, Clubs, etc.
- F. Clearbrook: **Requested Amount-\$35,150**
- Their current biggest issue is hiring staff.
 - They do receive money from the State, but haven't had an increase in the amount in 10 years.
 - They open approximately 3-4 new Group Homes per year.
 - "Choice" is a new program. It is a site that houses 30-40 workers (instead of the normal 120+) and gives the workers a choice on when they want to work and what they want to work on.
 - Clearbrook provides services in homes.
 - They operate the only "volunteer" respite program that they are aware of that goes into the homes to give parents a break from their caregiver responsibilities.
 - "CILA" is an acronym for a program that the Township provides funding for and consists of 9 homes in Elk Grove Township.

G. Life Span: **Requested Amount-\$25,000**

- They are community-based that since 1978 has been providing legal and counseling services to victims of sexual abuse and their children.
- They are currently serving 170 Elk Grove Township residents.
- The State budget crisis has been a problem for their Agency.
- They have been more aggressive in fundraising to develop a comprehensive plan.
- Something new this year is that they have formed an alliance with a local school nurse that works with girls from that school that may need Life Span's services.

H. Northwest Community Health Care – Mobile Dental: **Requested Amount-\$40,000**

- The program was launched in 2003 and provides a low cost dental care dental home for Township residents.
- Their program is not an Emergency Clinic.
- They provide education to their patients for oral and overall health.
- Last year they billed out \$786,000 of dental services for the patients from all the Townships in the program.
- A new mobile dental clinic (approximate cost \$400,000) is coming and is expected to be in service by the end of July/early August.
- Elk Grove Township's use was 33% of the operating days last year.

Supervisor Sweeney commented after the Board was finished hearing from the eight (8) local Social Service Agencies that the Township has a unique opportunity to assist them. The Township is being requested by the Agencies to help fill a void created by the lack of State of Illinois funding.

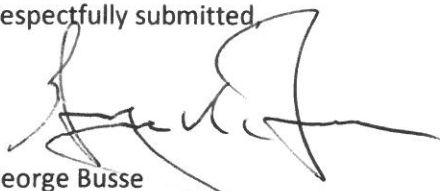
Six of the eight Agencies interviewed commented that their State funding had been decreased and the other two (2) Agencies are not affected by State funding. The Township is stepping up to be a Social Service safety net and provide local Agencies with funds to assist the local community.

If the Board decides to provide the extra funding it will be made clear to the affected Agencies that the increase is temporary for the upcoming 2016-2017 fiscal year and not a new baseline for future funding. The following fiscal year (2017-2018) will be re-visited for funding requests.

- V. Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Koshaba and seconded by Trustee Satern. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George Busse
Elk Grove Township Clerk