Maine Township Agency Funding Special Meeting October 1, 2020

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Agency Funding Special Meeting of the Maine Township Board, Cook County, Illinois will be conducted by audio or video conference on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Pursuant to Senate Bill 2135 of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the Township, the Township Supervisor has determined that an in-person meeting at the Township building with all participants is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. Township officials and legal counsel will not be physically present at the Township building, if that is unfeasible due to the disaster. Physical public attendance at the Township building may be limited or not feasible, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the Agency Funding Special Meeting are available here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87689620973. To obtain password to connect to this meeting, please call Richard Lyon at 224-257-4869 prior to 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2020. The meeting will also be audio or video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Morask, Trustees Jones, Carrabotta and Sweeney

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Richard Lyon, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso and Wiesia Tytko.

Supervisor Morask called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chief Deputy Tytko called the roll.

In accordance with Section 80-10 (b) of the Illinois Township Code 60 ILCS 1/80-10 (b), the Agency Funding Special Meeting was called for the purpose for the Agencies which are applying for the 2021 Funding Grants, to submit their presentation to the Maine Township Board.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Amendment to Township Closure Dates to add November 3rd. Discussion Only.

Supervisor Morask stated that she amended the 2020 Maine Township Office Closed Schedule by closing Maine Township offices on November 3^{rd} due to Election Day.

Agenda Item: Presentations by following Agencies:

1. Life-Span

Presentation by Amy Fox. 2021 funding request: \$10,000.

Life Span mission is to empower survivors of domestic and sexual violence to demand safety as a human right. They ensure responsive and appropriate treatment and delivery of services to survivors of abuse. Life Span is a client-centered organization whose aim is to change social attitudes toward domestic violence through accountability, community engagement, and systemic advocacy.

See video at 5:18.

2. Northwest Compass, Inc.

Presentation by Sonia Ivanov. 2021 funding request: \$10,000.

Northwest Compass, Inc. is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit organization that has provided various programs to the moderate and low-income populations in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago in Cook County for more than 30 years. Its mission has been to enhance the community by providing emergency services, education and empowerment which foster personal responsibility for those that are vulnerable or in crisis.

See video at 28:14.

3. Peer Services

Presentation by Maureen McDonnell and Ann Levy Brown. 2021 funding request: \$15,000.

PEER Services has been providing substance abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment services to residents of northern Cook County since 1975. They are licensed to provide substance abuse treatment by the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. They are also accredited by the Joint Commission.

See video at 56:08.

4. Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center

Presentation by Noy Frial Lopez and Dave Wright. 2021 funding request: \$50,000.

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center is a non-profit outpatient mental health center serving children and adult since 1969. Services include individual and group therapy, case management, crisis services, psychosocial rehabilitation, a residential living program and The Living Room, their walk-in psychiatric respite program.

See video at 1:12:27.

5. Children's Advocacy Center

Presentation by Mark Parr. 2021 funding request: \$5,000.

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) was established in 1989 to provide direct services for child victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse or other crimes and their non-offending family members. The CAC reduces trauma, provides support and helps victims to heal from their abuse by coordinating the multidisciplinary abuse investigation; providing expert child interviews; crisis intervention; court advocacy; case management and referral services; and offering evidence-based, trauma-informed therapy and support groups for children and parents.

See video at 1:26:44.

6. NAMI-CCNS

Presentation by Nathaniel Ekman and Christine Somervill. 2021 funding request: \$6,000.

The mission of NAMI Cook County North Suburban is to give help and hope to individuals who have mental health conditions and those who love and care for them. NAMI-CCNS provides peer support to individuals living with mental illness; teaches family and loved ones how to appropriately support and advocate for someone with mental illness; and works to end the stigma of mental illness through public education and advocacy.

See video at 1:38:57.

7. <u>Search, Inc.</u>

Presentation by Cory Gumm and Christine Zanca. 2021 funding request: \$2,500.

The mission of Search, Inc. is to empower persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential, accept a valued role in their community, and lead rich, rewarding lives. Their vision is to create a world where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live, learn, work and play together as equals in the community.

See video at 1:57:32.

8. North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic

Presentation by Joanne Lee. 2021 funding request: \$10,000.

North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic was founded in 2015 after the City of Highland Park's Human Services Task Force identified in a Needs Assessment the lack of access to affordable legal services. The mission of the Clinic is to provide quality pro-bono legal assistance in the areas of immigration, domestic violence, and housing to give those in need of access to justice the opportunity to live productive and secure lives.

See video at 2:10:13.

9. Maryville's Family Behavioral Health Clinic

Presentation by James Eaglin. 2021 funding request: \$12,000.

The Maryville Family Behavioral Health Clinic, open since 2014 in Des Plaines, provides substance use disorder counseling and recovery services, court mandated anger management, and DUI risk education and counseling to children, adults and families. The clinic is open 6 days a week and accepts Medicaid.

See video at 2:19:17.

10. Leyden Family Service & Mental Health Center

Presentation by Bruce Sewick. 2021 funding request: \$60,000.

Leyden Family Service is a 501c3 Joint Commission accredited Community Mental Health Center in existence since 1950 providing a broad array of Behavioral Health Services to adults, adolescents and children. Leyden provides crisis services for adults and children. Case Management and Benefit Assistance Programs are available to all clients they serve as well as a Food Pantry for anyone in need. They are also an Agency that collaborates with the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

See video at 2:38:06.

Several questions were asked during presentations by the Agency Funding committee: Trustee Jones, Trustee Carrabotta, Trustee Sweeney, Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, Richard Lyon and Austin Kelso which were answered by the presenters.

Supervisor Morask informed the Board that she will be calling a Special Meeting in October to discuss and vote on Elected Officials compensation for the next four-year term.

See video at 2:54:08 for the discussion regarding closing the Township building on Friday, October 2nd for the dee cleaning due to two positive cases of Covid-19 in the Town Hall. Supervisor Morask stated that on Friday, all employees will be working from home and building will be cleaned Friday and Saturday.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Supervisor Morask Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Sweeney Second.
All in favor.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk