

Maine Township Agency Funding Special Meeting October 3, 2023

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Board Members Present: Supervisor Dimond, Trustees: Jones, Horvath, Maher and Malik

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Evan White, Mindy Waglund, Lina Modestas, Angelica Schab, Sandi Anderson, Kathy Matovsek, Greg Davenport, Luticia Fiorito, Olivia Stueben, Faiyaz Hassan, Debbie Payne, Kate Uyechi, MJ Merrick, Peg Brzezinski, Jennifer Hamilton, Anne Brown, Arshia Hasnain, Frederick Smith, Karen Fay and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond called the special meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Deputy Clerk Magnowski called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Presentations by following Agencies:

1. Older Adult Services – Home Delivered Meals

Presentation by Lina Modestas. 2024 funding request: \$6,000.

Older Adult Services' mission is to enrich the quality of life of the older adult through a full range of services that appropriately responds to the person as he/she experiences needs and desires along the aging continuum. Older Adult Services offers community-based programs for adults and older adults. These programs are in Maine Township and serve the primary and secondary service areas of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

See video at 6:05

2. District 63 Education Foundation/Expanded Learning

Presentation by Angelica Schab. 2024 funding request: \$25,000.

District 63's out-of-school-time programs are operated by Expanded Learning. This academic year marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of providing necessary services to the families of District 63 and Maine Township. The District 63 Education Foundation (hereby referred to as The Foundation) exists to sustain the accessibility of programs delivered by Expanded Learning to the families of District 63 and Maine Township and to support the delivery of family resources needed throughout the community.

See video at 14:17

3. Miracle House, Inc.

Presentation by Sandi Anderson. 2024 funding request: \$10,000.

Miracle House, Inc. is a halfway house for women 18 and older recovering from addiction. The residents are required to find employment within four weeks. They are required to be working with an AA sponsor and attend meetings 7 days a week. The agency offers Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at their house 6 days a week for the community.

See video at 23:42

4. North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic

Presentation by Greg Davenport. 2024 funding request: \$7,500.

The mission of the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic is to provide accessible, quality, equitable, free legal services in the areas of domestic violence, housing, and immigration to give low-income, at-risk community members access to justice and the opportunity to live productive and secure lives. To be eligible for services, clients must be under 250% of the federal poverty level, or under \$75,000 per year for a family of four. There are no income requirements for victims of domestic violence.

See video at 33:48

5. WINGS Program, Inc.

Presentation by Luticia Fiorito. 2024 funding request: \$9,000.

WINGS mission is to provide housing, integrative services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence. Since 1985, WINGS has been providing a continuum of housing and supportive services to individuals and their families as they flee domestic violence. Over these 38 years WINGS has created a continuum of housing which includes two Safe Houses, collectively serving 90 individuals between 90-120 days. Due to WINGS' commitment to its clients and ensuring they have housing options that meet the client where they are at financially, emotionally and mentally upon exiting emergency shelter.

See video at 43:48

6. Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

Presentation by Olivia Stueben and Katrina M. Volkers. 2024 funding request: \$3,000.

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center's (ZCenter) mission is to mobilize the community toward ending systemic sexual violence while amplifying the voice of survivors through trauma-informed care, advocacy, and prevention education. Since 1983, ZCenter has provided crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, victim awareness, and community education for survivors of sexual abuse. Their counselors and staff serve all survivors regardless of race, gender, language, ability, sexual orientation, or religion. Services are in English, Spanish, or any other language needed. 80% of their clientele report living in poverty. In 2016, ZCenter opened a location in Skokie to better serve their clients in Cook County, including those in Maine Township.

Their Hot Line is (847) 872-7799.

See video at 50:09

Trustee Malik excused himself from Islamic Community Center of Des Plaines hearing.

7. Islamic Community Center of Des Plaines

Presentation by Faiyaz Hassan. 2024 funding request: \$245,000.

Islamic Community Center of Des Plaines (ICCD) is a nonprofit organization serving the Maine Township community members who are in need. ICCD is committed to providing a wide range of services and programs that cater to the needs of individuals from various backgrounds and faiths not just Muslims. The center actively engages in interfaith dialogue and collaboration, fostering understanding and harmony among different religious groups. ICCD offers social services such as food drives, clothing donations, medical services, and assistance programs to help those in need, regardless of their religion affiliation. Additionally, Islamic Community Center of Des Plaines has established a school program specifically designed to support and empower low-income individuals and refugees.

See video at 1:01:20

Supervisor Dimond announced a short break.

The Board meeting resumed at 7:52 pm.

8. Northwest Suburban Day Care Center

Presentation by Debra Payne. 2024 funding request: \$50,000.

The Northwest Suburban Day Care Center is a not-for-profit organization established in 1970 to provide high-quality, affordable pre-school to low-income families through the IL Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance Program. Their services are provided year-round, on a sliding fee scale to children ages 15 months to five years, thus enabling the parents to maintain full time employment or attend school. The agency promotes a community-wide referral system to help parents and children in time of need.

See video at 1:08:56

9. FISH of Park Ridge  
Presentation by MJ Merrick, Peg Brzezinski. 2024 funding request: \$3,500.  
FISH is an all-volunteer group, providing free transportation to doctor's dental and other medical appointments for residents in Maine Township and all of Park Ridge.  
See video at 1:18:28
10. Leyden Family Service and Mental Health Center  
Presentation by Jennifer Hamilton. 2024 funding request: \$64,000.  
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, children, families, couples and seniors. Leyden provides Outpatient Mental Health and Crisis services for adults and children. Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Transitional Living, and Peer Support Center are offered for those with serious and persistent mental illness. The Agency collaborates with the Greater Chicago Food Depository.  
See video at 1:24:04
11. PEER Services, Inc.  
Presentation by Anne Brown. 2024 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. The agency is licensed to provide substance abuse treatment by the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. They are accredited by the Joint Commission. Services include substance use disorder for teens, young adults, working parents and older adults, intensive outpatient treatment for adult assessment, early intervention, DUI risk education, prevention services for local schools and communities and drug testing services.  
See video at 1:32:12
12. Empowering Women  
Presentation by Arshia Hasnain. 2024 funding request: \$15,787.  
The mission of Empowering Women NFP is to break the cycle of domestic violence against women by providing necessary services in and around Chicago, while being trauma informed and culturally respectful, reflecting, the specific needs of underserved communities of color. The agency provides a full spectrum of services, counseling, workforce development, legal help and skills development.  
See video at 1:38:48
13. Resources for Community Living  
Presentation was rescheduled for November 9, 2023
14. Family Behavioral Health Clinic - Maryville  
Presentation by Fred Smith. 2024 funding request: \$16,800.  
The Maryville Behavioral Health Clinic has been operating in Des Plaines since 2014 and serves children, adolescents, adults and families. The clinic is open six days a week, is accessible by public transportation, and accepts Medicaid. Services include mental health services, substances use disorder counseling and treatment, court mandated anger management services, and DUI risk education and counseling.  
See video at 1:50:50
15. Center for Enriched Living (CEL)  
Presentation by Karen Fay. 2024 funding request: \$5,000.  
For 55 years, Center for Enriched Living has provided programming for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are part of a dynamic community where their voices are heard, choices are respected, and their hopes, wishes and dreams are pursued. CEL is open seven days a week for teens, adults and seniors. Members can choose participate in more than 60 different outcome-focused

virtual or in-person programs that cover a wide variety of interests and budgets and focus on social, recreational, and employment opportunities.

See video at 1:57:49

Several questions were asked during presentations by the Agency Funding committee: Supervisor Dimond, Trustee Jones, Trustee Horvath, Trustee Maher, Trustee Malik, Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, and Richard Lyon which were answered by the presenters.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath            Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Jones             Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond        Yes

Trustee Jones             Yes

Trustee Horvath          Yes

Trustee Maher            Yes

Trustee Malik             Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk