

Observer Report**Mental Health Board****November 16, 2019****Observer:** Pat Blumen**Meeting Began:** 9:05AM**Meeting Ended:** 11:42AM**Members Present:** Becky Feiler serving as Chair, Rodney Orr, Gnathan Carpenter, Sandi Johnson, Jackie Haimes, Irene Ziaya, Danita Cravens**Members Absent:** Jessica Sales (chair), Archana Sood**Staff Present:** Jessica Wingader

2020 MHB Program—Review of Applications (second mtg; first was held with Human Services for joint CDBG applicants.)

Note: The detailed monetary requests are listed on the City website under MHB agenda/packet (130 pages!)

The following agencies presented:

1. Childcare Network of Evanston/Learning Together
2. YOU/Trauma Informed Youth & Family Services
3. Metropolitan Family Services/Family Support & Prevention
4. Trilogy, Inc./Evanston Mental Health Program
5. NAMI Cook County/Family Support Services for Mental Illness (NEW AGENCY)
6. PEER Services/Substance Abuse Treatment & Early Intervention
7. Shore Community Services/Lois Lloyd Center/Residential Center (Note: Lois Lloyd Center rep. was not present; Rep. from Residential Center briefly addressed Lois Lloyd Center.)
8. Northwest CASA (Representative was not present at scheduled time,)
9. Center for Independent Futures Support for Individuals with Disabilities

Public Comment: (Note Background: Two agencies missed the deadline to submit their grant applications with no valid reason— Infant Welfare and Learning Bridges. At the joint mtg. with Human Services on 11/7, it was unanimously decided not to consider their applications.)

Infant Welfare had 4 representatives present to apologize for the oversight and to request reconsideration

of the decision not to consider their application. They cited the impact on the program recipients, location of

the program in the 5th ward, serving 85% persons of color and previous success rate with 100% HS graduation.

Staff Report: Reminder re: Housekeeping issues to consider:

- # Evanston residents
- Guideline that funding should not exceed 30% of total budget
- Equity considerations
- Grants under \$10,000 cost too much time for staff to administer
- Score all applications, except if recues
- Could recommend \$ amount

Chair Report: Becky asked for a motion to re-open consideration of the applications of the late applicants and Jackie so moved and it was seconded.

This discussion will take place at the next regularly scheduled MHB mtg. on 12/12. If the majority vote to re-open the application process, the agencies will then have an opportunity to present at another open meeting.

Becky reminded the Board that once all the applications are in, she will need a subcommittee of 2 to make funding recommendation guidelines.

At 11:28 representative from Northwest CASA arrived and was allowed to present.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42AM.