

Observer: Pat Blumen

Meeting Began: 7:03pm **Meeting Ended:** 9:22pm

Members Present: Jessica Sales, Chair; Mike Pierce, Vice-Chair, Karin Ruetzel, Jackie Haimes, Irene Zaya, Sandi Johnson, Becky Feiler NOTE: George Hall resigned due to family responsibilities. (MHB is now down 2 members. Jessica will check on status of new members.)

Staff Present: Jessica Wingader, Sarah Flax

Aldermen Present: Cicely Fleming

Audience: Large number of Agency Representatives.

–Approval of Minutes of 8/9, 9/6 & 9/22/18.

–Eligibility Requirements to Apply for City/Federal Funding:

One agency applicant was disqualified because it is not a 501 C(3) (Zoe Praxis) It was noted that it can re-apply next year if it gets that status.

One agency applicant was disqualified because it did not send a representative to the mandatory grant-applicant meeting given by City Staff (Rice).

–2019 Applications for MHB: Funding Discussion and Recommendation:

Amount available for 2019 MHB funding: \$736,373. (less than 2018)

Itemized details are in the meeting packet available online.

Irene and Mike formed a working committee to compile the scores following completion of review by all MHB members. All agency scores were averaged. Average score for all agencies was 2.89. All agencies who scored above 50% of the average were recommended to be funded at 100% of 2018 amount. All those who scored below 50% of average were recommended to be funded at 90% of 2018 allocation. Leftover money was considered for new applicants: Books & Breakfast; Interfaith Action Emergency Overnight Shelter Open Studio Project Art and Action, The Harbor Safe Harbor Emergency Shelter. If several members recommended against funding an agency, they were not given funds. There was no consideration about CDBG awards. Following their analysis, there were several adjustments made based on members discussion of other factors.

Final Awards Recommendations to the Human Services Committee:

Books and Breakfast (Request 20,000) Award 9,996 NEW

Center for Independent Futures Supporting Individuals with Int/Dev. Disabilities (Request 13,442) Award 10,000

Childcare Network of Evanston Learning Together (Request 40,000) Award 33,600

Childcare Network of Evanston Scholarship Program (Request 50,000) Award 43,257

Connections for the Homeless Outreach & Drop-in Program (Request 70,000) Award 56,000

Family Focus Afterschool Program (Request 35,000) Award 33,600

Impact Behavioral Health Clinical Services (Request 60,000) Award 51,840

Infant Welfare Society Teen Baby Nursery (Request 62,400) Award 62,400

Interfaith Action Emergency Overnight Shelter (Request 7,000) Award 7,000 NEW

James B. Moran Center Legal & Social Services (Request 48,000) Award 39,360

Learning Bridge Infant Toddler Program (Request 18,500) Award 16,650

Learning Bridge Scholarships (Request 10,000) Award 9,000

Meals at Home (Request 10,000) Award 9,000

Metropolitan Family Services Family Support & Prevention (Request 80,000) Award 67,200

North Shore Senior Center Social Services for Seniors & Their Families (Request 35,000) Award 25,920

North Shore Senior Center PEARLS, CareOptions (Request 12,000) Award 10,000

Northwest CASA Sexual Assault Prevention Program (Request 20,000) Award 19,000
Open Studio Project Art & Action (Request 10,000) Award -0- NEW
Peer Services (Request 92,610) Award 88,200
Shore Community Services Lois Lloyd Center (Request 19,000) Award 15,300
Shore Community Services Residential Services (Request 22,000) Award 20,000
The Harbor Safe Harbor Emergency Shelter (Request 10,000) Award 10,000 NEW
Trilogy, Inc Evanston Mental Health Care Coordinator (Request 30,000) Award 28,800
Turning Point Open Access Program (Request 10,000) Award -0-
YOU Trauma Informed Youth & Family Services (Request 100,000) Award 70,250
Zoe Praxis Zoe Praxis (Request 72,800) Award -0- NEW

–Zoom Grant Application Tool Review: suggestions given by Board Members to staff. Tool is available to the public. Staff will submit revised Zoom Grant Application Tool to Board for January meeting.

–Need to discuss with Human Services Committee whether MHB can set aside \$ for specific functions such as MH First Aid Training, do an RFP outside of grant process (in conjunction with the Health Dept, perhaps.) to fill gaps that City doesn't cover.

–Jessica announced that discussion item at February Rules Committee Meeting about whether to combine MHB with Animal Welfare and Emergency Services.

–December 13, 2018 mtg. cancelled.