



**Rescheduled Meeting of the  
Schaumburg Township  
Committee for Persons with Disabilities (CFPD)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

- I. Call to Order:  
Called to order by Chairperson Micki Coppel at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call (the following were in attendance):  
Mark Chrereso  
Micki Coppel  
Bill Eliasek  
Carleen Emde  
Eva Feng  
Andy Miller  
Darrell Taylor  
Trustee Jeffrey Mytych  
Director Becky Cordes
- III. Approval of November 10, 2020 Minutes  
Motion by Darrell Taylor; Second by Carleen Emde. Motion carried.
- IV. Public Comment (Limit to 3 minutes)  
None.
- V. Reports
  - a. Chairperson's Report  
Chairperson Coppel had no report to give.
  - b. Trustee Liaison's Report  
Trustee Mytych reported the Township continues to provide all services to the community including transportation, food pantry, Senior and Disability services despite the increased COVID-19 mitigation levels. Capacity for some services has decreased to ensure social distancing and appointments are now required for all services.
  - c. Director's Report  
Report on file. Medicare open enrollment is officially over and was a great success despite the increased mitigation practices that went into effect in November. Staff continue to help clients enroll in LIHEAP and are prioritizing all appointments possible to be drive up or over the phone. Staff will still meet in person with clients when necessary.
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Disability Holiday Party Update  
Disability Holiday party is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. There are currently 34 families and 83 people signed up to attend. The Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club delivered gift bags to families today that included a gingerbread house kit, some ornament crafts,

and some treats for the family. Sponsors for this year's holiday party include B&A Plumbing, the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club, and an anonymous donor. Special thanks to Trustee Kegarise for making Christmas cookies for the families to enjoy!

## VII. New Business

### a. Funded Agency Grant Application Review

#### i. GiGi's Playhouse

Presentation made by Jessica Modica, Grants Writer. GiGi's Playhouse started in Hoffman Estates and is now a national chain with 50 playhouses that offer support and services to individuals who have Down Syndrome and their families. GiGi's offers over 30 purposeful and progressive programs that are tailored to each individual's needs. GiGi's is requesting \$7,500 to help offset the costs of programming they provide for Township residents. Last year, they supported 50 Township residents. All programs are offered free of charge and support is provided throughout all stages of life. Since the onset of the pandemic, GiGi's has created 250 on demand videos that can be accessed online for clients.

#### ii. Little City Foundation

Presentation made by Julie Frankino, Grants Manager. In the last year, Little City provided services to 96 Township residents. Their request of \$15,629 is to help provide 30 minutes per week of Adult Day Services to Township residents for one year. Little City's day program had to shut down in March, and since then they have pivoted to online programming. Some of their group homes were able to form pods and provide in-person programming to residents. In September, the day program was able to reopen with limited capacity, but they can only support people in person if the client is able to be mask compliant. Online programming is continuing for those who are unable to attend in person.

#### iii. Center for Enriched Living

Presentation made by Karen Fay, Grants Manager. CEL is requesting \$7,500 to support in-person and online programming for their clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year, CEL has supported approximately 1,900 Township residents through their social/recreational Adult programs and their Day Program called REACH. REACH transitioned to online only from March – June, offered limited in-person from July – November, and is back to online only until at least January. CEL has received funding from Schaumburg Township since 2017 and is thankful for the continued support.

#### iv. HandsOn Suburban Chicago

Presentation made by Chris Swope Cholewa, Executive Director. HandsOn is requesting \$2,500 to help administer and maintain their database of volunteers and volunteer opportunities. HandsOn Suburban Chicago assists nonprofit organizations in locating volunteers for various projects or ongoing support. This year they created a new program called #BeEssential to connect critical organizational needs with members in the community who want to help.

#### v. JCFS Chicago

Presentation made by Ellie Krandle, Nanette, and Leah Rudy. JCFS is requesting \$10,000 in support of the Duman Opportunity Center to provide career and employment services

for individuals with disabilities. In the past year, the Duman Opportunity center has served 14 Township residents, 8 of whom were placed in a job and 6 who are still searching. When COVID-19 struck, Duman Opportunity Center implemented virtual job clubs for clients to participate in. They are providing as much in-person job coaching as possible to clients who need it.

vi. Clearbrook

Presentation made by Tony DiVittoria, CEO and Sheila Lullo, Executive Vice President/Program Services. Clearbrook submitted 3 applications. The first request for Clearbrook was \$27,000 to assist their residential, day services, and early intervention services. When COVID-19 struck, Clearbrook moved all of its day program staff into group homes to help with services during the day. They have found some great success with clients receiving day services at home and are looking at reinventing how they provide day services moving forward. Clearbrook currently supports 385 Township residents.

The second request was for their Partners in Adult Learning (PAL) program and was for \$1,200. This program provides opportunities for continued learning for young adults over 18 years of age who have developmental disabilities and physical challenges and who have graduated out of their school system. This past year, the PAL program supported 4 Township residents. Due to COVID-19 the PAL program is expected to only be open for half of FY21, but clients are still being supported through Clearbrook's Home Based Services and Residential Services programs when PAL is not in session.

The third request was for the Take a Break (TAB) Respite Program and was for \$3,000. This program provides family members who have a child or children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities with a break from time-to-time from their role of being their child's primary caregivers. The program is unique in that it is supported and operated by community volunteers, and as an early intervention program provides much needed respite to family caregivers. Respite care is provided in two formats: home-based and site-based. TAB supported 13 Township residents this past year.

b. FY22 Agency Funding

The Committee makes the following funding recommendations to the Township Board of Trustees for FY22 Funding:

Little City Foundation: \$10,000

HandOn Suburban Chicago: \$1,000

Clearbrook: \$22,000

Clearbrook PAL: \$1,000

Clearbrook TAB: \$2,000

Center for Enriched Living: \$2,000

JCFS Chicago: \$3,000

GiGi's Playhouse: \$1,000

Motion by Bill Eliasek; Second by Darrell Taylor. Motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Careen Emde; Second by Bill Eliasek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.