

Human Services Board

Town Annex Building

November 20, 2018

Minutes

In attendance: Litsa Aniskovich, Charlene Best, Allison Goguen, Elizabeth Isaacson, Madeleine Leveille, David Melillo, Abby Roccapriore, Nancy Stone.

Absent: Darren DePaul and Spencer Mangs

Charlene Best called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Approve Minutes

E. Isaacson made a motion, seconded by M. Leveille to approve minutes from October 16, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director's Report

David Melillo reported on the vigil held on November 18th, where approximately 100 people attended. A discussion followed about suicide prevention and opportunities to bring the community together. Having an annual vigil event was brought up for consideration. The board agreed that an annual vigil event prior to Thanksgiving would be a tradition they would like to see. David reported on the suicide prevention grant highlighting community-wide QPR training.

Discussion followed about reaching graduating seniors and college students to offer them follow-up care as well as opportunities to continue conversations about their mental and physical health needs.

David reported on the "Boy's Council," a weekly boys group held at Morgan.

Planning for next year

Charlene reminded the board of upcoming elections for the board in January as she will be stepping down as chair. A discussion followed about the calendar and maintaining the meeting date and time as the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm, 12X a year.

Open

Elizabeth reported on helping Cheryl Church in Social Services.

Allison reported on the "True Colors" ALLY event at Morgan stating it was a good workshop.

M. Leveille made a motion, seconded by L. Aniskovich and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Noe