

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:00PM
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Michelle Bailey, Brian Corbin, Erin Gaudet, Sydney Robinson, Alan Samet, Amanda Stevens, Gerry Vece

Board Members Absent: Donielle Didiano, Jane Scully Welch

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Guests: Joe Carpella, Celeste Calabotta

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: E. Gaudet commented on Kelley Edward's resignation to work for DMHAS. She noted Kelley will be missed but she will be staying in the same field and Clinton will still have her as a parent. D. Melillo stated the replacement process is in progress.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting November 16, 2021: G. Vece motioned, seconded by M. Bailey passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Budgets are in good shape. The SAMHSA money not spent on salary in February must be put to good use.

Budget FY22/23: D. Melillo noted that he had asked for \$15,000 for emergency funds and was granted an increase to \$10,000 (previously set at \$5,000). His request for full-time administrative assistance was not addressed. There is a Town Council budget workshop set for this coming Tuesday, February 22nd.

Correspondence: Thank-you from school counselors to Clinton community stakeholders – National School Counseling Week was February 7-11.

Approval of 2020 HSAB Meetings Calendar: S. Auletta motioned, seconded by G. Vece passed unanimously.

Director's Report: D. Melillo stated there are a handful of applications for K. Edward's position, including one who worked here previously. Priorities: Filling K. Edwards position, absenteeism and mental health at the schools, develop a suicide prevention program for males.

ARPA: D. Melillo noted the Town will be getting \$3.8 million and that no one has objected to our proposal. Town Council will meet, discuss and vote.

Holiday Program: D. Melillo noted the church looked like a winter wonderland and that he will be coordinating the volunteers next year. It was noted that ordering through Amazon worked well and was well-coordinated by Litsa Aniskovich.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32PM

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero