

Minutes Human Services Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

Tuesday January 21, 2025, 6:00pm

Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Gerry Baird, Tami Cogar, Ian Coyne, Connie Warner, David David, Melissa Harris Staff members Present: Kathy Grega

Meeting called to order 6:01pm

Connie opened the meeting going over the importance of everyone being in attendance, and that it takes 4 members to be present for things to be completed (approving minutes, making decisions, etc) Meeting minutes for the last 2 meetings were reviewed and approved (November and December) Gerry brought up that it was not noted in the November minutes that there had been a "second" for her nomination of secretary.

The meeting schedule was discussed, people were asked about their preference of zoom or in person meetings. Everyone indicated they preferred in person. Staff member Kathy is the only person that cannot attend in person on Tuesday evenings. The board agreed to abide by the existing schedule, ( in person quarterly, zoom on other months) for 6 months and then we will revisit. In person meetings will be (March and June).

Treasures and Directors Report were presented and reviewed. A discussion was had in reference to the Addendum on the PD report about the social service office needing more staff to consistently and effectively meet the needs of the community. The board agreed that additional staff are needed and offered support with advocacy. Members also offered to help in way of volunteering some of their time to help with "back end" things" like organizing and stocking the food pantry, perhaps coming up with a monthly schedule to provide consistent support.

Staff Updates: Kathy provided an update on the new staff that started, Odali Rodriguez Outreach Prevention Coordinator, as well as an update on the still vacant clinical position.

Correspondence: None

Other: Kathy brought up a volunteer wanting to initiate and start facilitating support groups for family members of people in active addiction/recovery. The board expressed their support and expressed their belief that though it is needed, getting people to attend might be difficult

Meeting adjourned 7pm

Respectfully submitted K. Grega