

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

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Michelle Bailey, Mark Barillaro, Brian Corbin, Erin Gaudet, Amanda Stevens, Jane Scully Welch

Board Members Absent: Donielle Didiano, Sydney Robinson, Gerry Vece

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Guests: Celeste Calabotta, Joe Carapella

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: E. Gaudet informed the board of A. Samet's resignation as of February 22nd and welcomed new board member M. Barillaro.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting February 15, 2022: motioned by M. Bailey, seconded by A. Stevens passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo noted that both Town and grant budgets are on track and about two-thirds spent.

Budget FY22/23: D. Melillo stated Emergency Funds were approved at \$10,000 – previously set at \$5,000. It will still be several months before budget is official.

Correspondence: Client letter thanking C. Church in Social Services for all the help and guidance she has received through the years.

Director's Report: Report provided showing number of clinical cases, programs, and Social Services statistics for the month of February.

ARPA Update: \$637,800 awarded. D. Melillo stated frameworks need to be set up for distribution in Mental Health, Respite Care, Housing & Utilities, Senior Housing and Technology.

K. Edwards Replacement: Position not filled as yet. One candidate dropped out, one couldn't make interview appointment. Job posting ends 3/18 after which D. Melillo will get applications from the Town Clerk and review and schedule the next set of interviews.

Suicide Prevention: Reports provided suicide statistics in CT. A lengthy discussion was had as to what REACT and others are doing. Concern was stated by several board members that more attention needs to be paid to the middle school. Erin, Shelby and Michelle all expressed an interest in being involved in whatever capacity. David has a meeting with his male task force and will update us as to where we are needed and how we can help. Topic will be revisited next month.

In-person Meetings: Gov. Lamont's order extending Zoom meetings will expire April 30th. After that time, we will return to in-person unless the order is extended again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero