

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 6:00PM
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Michelle Bailey, Mark Barillaro, Donielle Didiano, Erin Gaudet, Sydney Robinson, Gerry Vece

Board Members Absent: Brian Corbin, Amanda Stevens, Jane Scully Welch

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Jill Paglino, Carol Sanzero

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

Chairperson's Remarks: None

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting March 15, 2022: motioned by M. Bailey, seconded by S. Auletta passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo noted that budgets are about 71% spent. The salary for K. Edwards from the SAMHSA grant must be expended. He and S. Mehmet are exploring avenues to use this money.

Budget FY22/23: Passed as proposed.

Correspondence: D. Melillo noted a thank-you letter was sent to J. Paglino from K. Hagness for her efforts at the schools.

Director's Report: 1. D. Melillo verbally filled in the numbers for PiC, Eliot and Morgan REACT, Juvenile Review Board, and Police/Youth group, as they were unavailable when the report was distributed. 2. Jill Paglino provided an update on the Job Shadow program noting it was going well with some 90-100 youths served. Erin praised Jill's efforts with Job Shadow and offered to contact Guilford Fire Department for paramedic and EMT shadows. Other programs such as Mother Daughter Night Out and Home Alone are not getting responses. Jill is also running the Juvenile Review Board since Kelley's departure. In addition, she is trying to expand QPR outreach. David noted that Jill is also handling all the department's social media. 3. There is an event on child development at the library on May 5th.

ARPA Update: Application and contractual forms have been approved with the Town. The technology portion will go to the library as a cooperative program.

Suicide Prevention: Committee met twice more. M. Barillaro noted that there was a presentation of NAMI's Ending the Silence. A September event at the town beach event is planned. S. Auletta commented that we need a mental health campaign and S. Robinson suggested putting out statistics. A discussion was had regarding which ages/groups to target.

K. Edwards Replacement: Position not filled as yet. Out of six scheduled interviews, four canceled. More are scheduled for this week.

Absenteeism: Met with superintendent and met with Kim Pierce. Try to get a case manager and meet with Town Manager in developing a program.

Other: M. Bailey informed the board of her resignation, effective immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero