

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6:00PM
Via Go To Meeting

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta (joined 6:23PM), Erin Gaudet, Mark Barillaro, Celeste Calabotta, Amanda Stevens, Sydney Robinson (joined 6:10PM)

Members Absent: Brian Corbin, Gerry Baird

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:01PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: Erin said she was told that Iris Dunham's Walk-A-Thon event for mental health awareness on May 7th was very well received and raised a good deal of money. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting April 19, 2023: motioned by M. Barillaro, seconded by C. Calabotta passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: All accounts are within parameters for this time of year. D. Melillo commented that he has asked that the Opioid Mini Grant be renamed to Opioid Settlement and not restricted to being spent in a specific fiscal year.

Status of Replacement for Human Services Director: As of Thursday, May 11th, there was only one applicant for the position. Posting has a deadline of 4PM May 17th. Discussion was had regarding the different licenses and supervisory capacities and Erin noted that she sent a letter to the Town Manager. D. Melillo noted he is making contingency plans if a new director is not hired in time.

Director's Report: D. Melillo informed the Board that India Beard, who was our Program Coordinator and carried a small caseload of clients, is no longer with the Human Services Department.

- A. Chronic Absenteeism Program was launched with a case manager visiting and providing counseling
- B. Summer Programs are all continuing
- C. Launch Pad Program has begun for post-high school young adults

It was noted that the PiC postcards generated a significant response and that Shelby Mehmet will take on a small caseload of clients. Erin questioned if a per diem subcontractor could be used temporarily and discussion was had about using the YSB grant or ARPA funds for this purpose. David noted that the SAMHSA grant cannot be used for this.

Correspondence: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:31PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero