

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:00PM
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Mark Barillaro, Brian Corbin, Erin Gaudet, Sydney Robinson, Amanda Stevens, Gerry Vece, Jane Scully Welch

Board Members Absent: Celeste Calabotta, Donielle Didiano

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Guests: Joe Carapella, Sharon Clark

Meeting called to order at 6:08PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: E. Gaudet welcomed guests Sharon Clark and Joe Carapella. Reminded the Board that any program or personnel questions need to be directed to D. Melillo, not the schools or principals.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting April 12, 2022: motioned by G. Vece, seconded by M. Barillaro passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Town and grant budgets are in good shape. SAMHSA grant needs to be spent down; the end of the fiscal year for the grant is September 30th.

Correspondence: None.

Personnel Update: 1. Prevention Coordinator – Have had lots of interviews but have not identified a viable candidate. M. Schettino to repost job listing. Kelley Edwards is helping on a contractual basis approximately 10 hours per week. 2. Assistant Prevention Coordinator, Shelby Mehmet, is out on medical leave to June 20th. 3. Therapist, Marie Pinette, is resigning effective June 8th. Her position is top priority for a job posting. Discussion was had regarding the urgency for a replacement.

Director's Report: 1. ARPA – Respite Program is not yet off the ground – on hold temporarily. Senior Tech Support is coming together. 2. Suicide Prevention – M. Barillaro noted program is coming together with a presentation next month. There will be an event September 21st at the library.

Other: Guest Sharon Clark commented on the Grandparent's Program hiatus and questioned what efforts are being made to get it back going. D. Melillo commented on the lack of personnel at the moment and invited Sharon to work on restarting the program with another staff member when Human Services is fully staffed again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero