

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 6:00PM
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Dylan Ayer, Michelle Bailey, Brian Corbin, Donielle Didiano, Erin Gaudet, Alan Samet, Jane Scully Welch

Board Members Absent: Litsa Aniskovich, Gerry Vece

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

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

Chairperson's Remarks: There will be a marijuana legalization discussion virtual meeting on 5/26, 12-1PM with a national representative. Anyone interested should contact E. Gaudet and she will email the info.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting April 13, 2021: Motioned by J. Scully-Welch, seconded by M. Bailey passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo noted 80% of the department's town budget is spent. There is some money unused due to L. Dean-Frazier's late hiring and unused mileage due to COVID-19. Grants are not overspent and there is an approved carryover of the SAMHSA funds.

Correspondence: Email from Stop & Shop's Bloomin' 4 Good Program notifying that \$76.00 was raised for Social Services. A thank-you note will be sent.

Director's Report:

- Contract with Outdoor Perspectives - will be doing orientations and overnights. This is offered to the leadership members of REACT. Hope to extend to other students in the future. J. Paglino has summer camps all set and is working to add a Girls Group and possibly a Boys Group.
- Paper files for clients have been converted to electronic with Therapy Notes and we are also moving to third party payment. This has required more work from therapists.

Project Courage 4X4 Fundraiser: M. Bailey informed the Board that \$1,702 was raised for Clinton Human Services and thanked everyone who participated; special thanks to E. Gaudet and S. Auletta for promoting the event, to E. Gaudet for getting the track lights turned on, and to B. Corbin for the police presence.

Website Development: Meeting with a Scout writer later this week.

Expiring Board Terms: S. Auletta, M. Bailey and A. Samet terms will expire 6/30 and must be updated if they wish to remain on the Board. Reach out to E. Gaudet if needed.

Marijuana Update: D. Melillo noted there is a 50% chance that legalization will not happen this year and commented that advertising usually targets young people. E. Gaudet would like further discussions on this topic and has emailed Town Council and Planning and Zoning to that effect.

Other:

- Dylan Ayer reported that he and fellow REACT leader Bianca Arias had created a program that allows opportunity for real conversations. The initial segment addressed women's body image. Five high school-aged females and five adult females were involved. The reaction was fantastic, stimulating conversation throughout the program and beyond as discussions continued in homes and other groups. REACT is looking to continue this effort in a series of conversations on different topics. The grant has allowed for equipment to improve our video-making abilities, and underclassmen are being sought to replace those about to graduate.
- Project Courage will be sponsoring a Double Elimination softball tournament held 8/7 with \$200 donated to the charity of one's choice with a matching donation; \$200 to the winner's charity of choice; and an additional donation for the most money raised. Currently looking for teams and sponsors. Clinton Little League will run the concession with those profits benefiting the league.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31PM

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero