

Minutes

Human Services Advisory Board

Special Meeting

Tuesday May 28, 2019, 6:00 PM

Town Annex Building

48 East Main Street, Clinton

In attendance: Litsa Aniskovich, Allison Goguen, Elizabeth Isaacson, Madeleine Leveille, David Melillo, Marie Pinette, Abby Roccapriore, and Nancy Stone.

1. Call to Order: A. Roccapriore called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM
2. Approval of Minutes: L. Aniskovich made a motion, seconded by M. Leveille to approve minutes from the April 23rd regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved with abstention from E. Isaacson and N. Stone.
3. Director's Report: D. Melillo announced that the movie 'Angst' would be co-sponsored by CHS and the PTA. In addition, he reported that CHS would begin and continue working with the PD and other mandated reporters for elderly protective services to identify elder abuse.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Mission for the Board-A. Roccapriore asked board for 'ingredients' for mission statement specific to the board mission. She asked that the board clarify "who we are."
 - b. Goals from each Department-A. Roccapriore plans to email four members of CHS (Marie Pinette, Jill Paglino, Cheryl Church, Kelley Edwards) for ideas and vision in an effort to set goals for the year with the intent of establishing what needs to be accomplished.
5. New Business:
 - a. Food drive issues- a discussion about the previous two food drives (both election days) and the need for consistent and clearer communication. Need to establish the future location of the table to maximize visibility and community engagement.
 - b. Park and Rec "umbrella" for all YFS sign-ups-all summer programs will be going through the park and rec department. D. Melillo noted that peer programs will still be handled through CHS.
6. Open: Marie Pinette, CHS Marriage and Family Therapist for two decades, spoke about her role in the department. She identified the need to look for patterns and the importance of involving parents in behavioral health discussions. She spoke about "wellness" and offering her clients a skills et to better navigate big feelings. In addition, she shared her method for teaching abstract concepts with concrete fun activities.

A.Goguen shared an update from school. A. Roccapriore said she would like to see two youths join the HSAB.

2019 marks the 30th anniversary for the agency and talk of how to promote the past, present and future of CHS was discussed. Board members signed up for the Lenny + Joe's Charity Carousel event June 21st.

A.Roccapriore announced that Darren Paul was no longer a member of the HSAB.
She reminded everyone of the next board meeting: June 18th.

7. Adjourn: N. Stone made a motion, seconded by L. Aniskovich and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Noe