

Minutes  
Human Services Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 6:00PM  
Via Google

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Erin Gaudet, Gerry Baird, Brian Corbin, Amanda Stevens  
Board Members Absent: Celeste Calabotta, Mark Barillaro  
Staff Members Present: Cheryl Church, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: Erin will make remarks when agenda item V, Update on Director's Position, is addressed.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting June 20, 2023: motioned by S. Auletta, seconded by E. Gaudet passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: C. Church noted that two months of reports is included. June's report is the end of FY23 and July's report is the beginning of FY24.

Director's Report: C. Church commented that summer programs are winding down and school begins on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Back-to-School program will take place Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Items to be distributed include backpacks and other school supplies; CVS, Walgreen, food and \$30.00 shoe gift cards.

Update on Director's Position: E. Gaudet noted that she had invited the Town Manager to attend this meeting but he was unable to attend due to prior meeting commitments. He did, however, agree to and did provide an update regarding status. Erin expressed frustration about the lack of communication and exclusion of board members in the hiring process. It appears the hiring pool is very small and there is currently only one viable candidate who is currently not in state. G. Baird commented that not having a Director is detrimental to mental health programs and questioned whether the board should attend a Town Council meeting to see what can be done – what other options are open for recruiting, salary, union contract, etc. Erin encouraged the board to reach out to Town Hall with their concerns and suggestions. Erin also asked if members were okay with going back to in-person board meetings starting in September and there were no objections.

Correspondence: Thank-you note from Sydney Robinson to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero