

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:00PM
Via Go To Meeting

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Gerry Baird, Mark Barillaro, Celeste Calabotta, Erin Gaudet, Sydney Robinson, Amanda Stevens

Members Absent: Brian Corbin

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: E. Gaudet welcomed new Board member Gerry Baird. Gerry outlined her background as a Mobile Crisis Director and her passion for helping adults and youth. Erin also informed the Board of Gerry Vece's resignation as he has moved from town. She then requested the next Board meeting be moved to October 11th as D. Melillo will not be available at the scheduled date of the 18th. Members agreed to the 11th. Erin additionally noted that Board meetings will continue to be virtual at least until December.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting August 16, 2022: motioned by M. Barillaro, seconded by A. Stevens passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo noted the fiscal year for the SAMHSA grant will end September 30th. There are more funds unspent than anticipated due to K. Edwards' position not being filled for five months and S. Mehmet's family leave. He also noted that we are allowed to carry over up to a 25% balance to the new fiscal year.

Correspondence: 1. D. Didiano's email that she is unable to continue as liaison for the school district. 2. J. Taczanowsky's email regarding the Be Smart campaign that focuses on the awareness of safe gun storage to help prevent unintentional shootings and aid in suicide prevention. 3. Gov. Lamont's plan to sign into law \$300 million dollars to fight the opioid epidemic. Discussion was had and D. Melillo will pull together a list of first responders and how they might be able to use funds that will come to Clinton. He noted that opioids are not problematic at the schools. Questions were raised as to if funds could be used for the DARE program or school assemblies. David commented that more information needs to be obtained before further discussion.

Town Charter Revision: E. Gaudet noted proposed changes to the by-laws by adding PiC and another student member. D. Melillo sent to the chairperson and he is waiting to hear back.

Director's Report: 1. There are currently two finalists for the Program Director's position and David will ask Karl Kilduff if he would like to be included in the final interviews. 2. Shelby Mehmet has returned to work on a part-time basis 5-10 hours per week.

Update on Community Conversation on Suicide in Clinton September 21st: M. Barillaro commented on the change of venue to Eliot due to the tremendous response. There are currently over 90 people signed up. He also noted the many months of planning for this presentation and that it will be recorded. Dates for QPR training will be announced at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero