

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 6:00PM
Via Zoom

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

Board Members Absent: Donielle Didiano, Alan Samet

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

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

Chairperson's Remarks: 1. Welcome to student liaison Sydney Robinson. 2. Requested D. Melillo update progress on ARPA (American Recovery Partnership Act) funds request. 3. Thanked J. Paglino for doing a great job on social media meeting notifications.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting August 17, 2021: Motioned by M. Bailey, seconded by A. Stevens passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo noted it is early in the fiscal year and budgets are in great shape. He also noted better management of the large grant.

Correspondence: 1. D. Ayers' thank-you card to Board. 2. PiC's letter to Town Council and Planning & Zoning in opposition to retail marijuana establishments in Clinton.

Student Liaison: S. Robinson made brief introductory comments.

New Website: Looks amazing; however, it is still a work in progress. The 8/31 target date was missed but, hopefully, will be ready by 9/30. If anyone has suggestions, please submit ASAP.

Marijuana and Zoning in Clinton: The September 13th Planning and Zoning was a great success for opponents of a marijuana establishment in Clinton. Fifteen people spoke against allowing marijuana in Clinton with one person in favor and one neutral. This resulted in the denial of the application. Next step is a ban by the Town Council at the October meeting.

Director's Report: 1. Bullying Presentation to Parents 9/23 with the PTA, David and Jill. 2. Recruiting for three QPR trainings. 3. Recruiting for Peer Advocates starting up 10/6. 4. Open Mic to resume 9/24. 5. Mother Daughter Night Out and Home Alone are being worked on. 6. Sobriety Checkpoint conducted by Police Department. 7. Jill attended the Morgan Open House, and David and Jill will be at the Eliot Open House Wednesday. E. Gaudet thanked David for having people visible at these events. 8. Erin also asked about having therapy dogs at school. David responded that neither this program nor Job Shadow is yet finalized.

Clinton Human Rights Committee: D. Melillo has been appointed to the committee and attended the first meeting on August 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33PM

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero