

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:00PM
Via Go To Meeting

Board Members Present: Gerry Baird, Mark Barillaro, Celeste Calabotta, Sydney Robinson, Amanda Stevens
Members Absent: Shelby Auletta, Brian Corbin, Erin Gaudet
Staff Members Present: David Melillo, India Beard, Andy Riskin, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM by D. Melillo.

Chairperson's Remarks: None.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting September 20, 2022: motioned by C. Calabotta, seconded by G. Baird passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo noted that we are still behind using SAMHSA funds due to the length of time it took to hire replacement personnel.

Correspondence: None.

Director's Report: A. Introduced our new Program Coordinator, India Beard; introduced our new part-time Assistant Coalition Coordinator, Andy Riskin. Noted that after six months, we now have a full staff. B. Update on Community Conversations on Suicide in Clinton. As previously reported, there were over 120 people in attendance at the first assembly September 21st. The second one held November 2nd had approximately 40 people in attendance. A lengthy discussion ensued highlighting such issues as delays in being able to obtain mental health services; the recently organized men's support group; publicizing events; the Mobile Crisis Team, etc. C. Volunteering for Holiday Programs. D. Melillo noted that volunteers are most needed for the Christmas toy sorting – specifically for set-up on December 14th and clean-up on December 16th. Event will most likely be held in the Green Room at Town Hall this year. Two board members volunteered their assistance.

Other: Comments were made noting that some presentations (i.e. Home Alone) need to be refreshed/updated. David will address this with India. He also noted he is working on an absenteeism program using ARPA mental health funds and a contract is in the works. Additionally, the Senior Tech Equity program (which will help kids, too) is coming together with 20 Chromebooks ordered to be shipped to HCH Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero