



## Contract Review committee Meeting

Town of Nantucket

131 Pleasant Street

Nantucket, MA, 02554

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**Contract Review Committee Members:** Dorothy Hertz (At-Large, Chair), Veronica Bolcik (Co-Chair), Linda Williams (At-Large), John W. Belash (At-Large), Sue Mynttinen (CHS Rep), Joanna Roche (FinCom Rep), Bert Johnson (NP&EDC Rep)

**Staff:** Jerico Mele (Human Services Director), Tomeka Gary (Office Manager) Heather Nardone (Public Health Coordinator)

### ~MINUTES~

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

**131 Pleasant St, Trailer**

*This meeting was held in person with remote participation using ZOOM and YouTube.*

Attendance: Veronica Bolcik, Dorothy Hertz, Linda Williams, Joanna Roche, John W. Belash, Sue Mynttinen, Bert Johnson

Health and Human Services Staff: Jerico Mele, Tomeka Gary, Heather Nardone

Speakers: Sherri Hunt, Nichole Olson, Catherin Payton, Brian Lenai, Rachel, Jackie Lane, Jennifer Frazee, Elizabeth Torrent, Julia Kehoe, Kelly Hicks, Karen

- I. ESTABLISH QUORUM  
Quorum established at 10:06 am
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Veronica motioned to approve the agenda and it was accepted by all members in attendance.
- III. REVIEW MINUTES  
Sue requested the minutes be resent to all members in order to be approved.  
(2:37:09)
- IV. PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEW OF GRANT APPLICANTS

10:00am-10:30am Elder Services-Sheri Hunt (Zoom)

Sherri discussed their challenges finding transportation to get the food to the Senior Center. The current meal price is 20.25 per meal not including overhead which is a 27% increase from their request last year, but they are serving 5335 meals on wheels consumers year to date.

Sherri and the committee members discussed challenges as well as brainstormed ideas with getting volunteer organizations to help with their efforts

10:15am-10:30am Small Friends - Catherine and Nichole (Zoom)

Catherine and Nichole discussed their reason for seeking funding to maintain their summer program and their purpose which is keeping their tuition cost low for on island families.

Small friends and committee representatives discussed the issues surrounding affordable childcare on the island. They also discussed their staffing and the steps they are taking regarding compensation to gain and retain staff. They were asked further clarification questions, and they were answered.

Committee asked clarifying questions and gave remarks.

10:30am-11:00am Sherburn Commons- Rachel, Gennifer & Brian (Zoom and In-Person)

Brian gave an overview presentation of their program, challenges as well as progress they have made so far. Rachel entered zoom (50:05) and gave remarks regarding bringing people out to social events using a buddy system but it is also a challenge marketing the programs.

Dorothy suggestion doing presentations at the Saltmarsh Senior Center and committee members discussed more ideas of places that would be beneficial to advertise such as the hospitals.

11:00am-11:30am NAMI-Jackie Lane (Zoom)

Jackie discussed their funding and their plans for securing funding from different grants. Jackie discussed the difficulties faced working on Nantucket due to isolation but in contrast how it is a good place to study the impacts on new initiatives because of the isolation even though there may be a resistance to change.

Committee asked clarifying questions and gave remarks.

11:30am-12:00 pm Safe Place- Jennifer Frazee (Zoom)

Jennifer gave an overview of their application and the work they would be doing with the funding received. Jennifer gave more specific breakdown of

their different initiatives they are looking to implement, and the specific amounts requested per initiatives.

Committee asked clarifying questions and gave remarks.  
Joana exits meeting (2:03:39)

11:45am-12:50pm Health Imperatives- Julia Kehoe, Kelly Hicks & Karen (Zoom)

Julia discussed how important the Town's funding is to their operations and all the programs they offer and how this benefits them with being able to increase their involvement in the community at higher percentages.

Karen discussed their programs under the cannabis Grant funding. She discussed their upcoming programs and services related to the NARCAN. Julia discussed their goals and work they are doing in the substance abuse risk areas and agreed to come back at a later meeting date to discuss this in more detail.

Committee asked clarifying questions and gave remarks.

#### V. OTHER BUSINESS

Dorothy requested to move other business a minute up to accept the amendment to the Elder Service Grant.

Veronica motioned to move other business up to III. in the agenda and it was accepted by all members in attendance.

Dorothy discussed that the committee had requested Elder Services make an amendment because their front page did not match what they were requesting. They have now made that revision to identify the \$30600 and break it down on page 13. The breakdown shows that \$5600 would go to providing taxi service to provide the food and the remaining money is for the cost of the food.

Veronica motioned to approve their amendment for their grant request of \$30600 and it was accepted by all members in attendance.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Veronica motioned to adjourn, and it was accepted by all members in attendance.