



Contract Review Committee Meeting

Town of Nantucket

131 Pleasant Street

Nantucket, MA, 02554

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

Staff: Jerico Mele (Human Services Director), Alexandria Richards (Office Manager)

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Friday, January 10th, 2025

131 Pleasant St, Trailer

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

Attendance: Sue Mynttinen, Veronica Bolcik, John W. Belash, Linda Williams, Joanna Roche (9:30am)

Staff: Jerico Mele, Alexandria Richards

Grant Applicants: Isaiah Truymen (PRXM), Lauren Soverino & Eliza Steadman (STAR), Alicia Carney, Michelle Feldman, Valerie Gintis & Josh Grey (Nantucket Dreamland), Morgan Baker, Roberto Santamaria, Kristie Wilson & Rachel Meriwether (Fairwinds), Brian Lenane, Gennifer Costanzo and Rachel Mandle (Memory Cafe), Jackie Lane (NAMI)

I. Call to Order

Veronica called the meeting to order at 9:08am

II. Establish Quorum

Veronica established Quorum at 9:08 am.

III. Approval of Agenda

Linda mentioned to approve the agenda it was seconded by Sue and accepted by all members in attendance.

IV. Approval of Minutes from 12.20.2024 & 02.06.2024

Linda motioned to approve the minutes it was seconded by John and accepted by all members in attendance.

V. Public Comment

No comments.

VI. Interviews with Grant Applicants for HS and Substance Misuse FY 26

9:15 am - 9:30 am Isaiah Truymen of PRXM

- Program currently serves dozens of high school students with free memberships and coaching
- Requested funding to expand from current capacity to potentially reach 600 students
- Discussed potential partnership with high school to provide on-site strength/conditioning programs
- Submitted \$300K town warrant article and matching request to golf club foundation
- Committee raised questions about:
 - Facility capacity limitations for expansion
 - Timeline for proposed new facility development
 - School partnership logistics and oversight
 - Program sustainability if not fully funded

9:30 am – 9:45 am Lauren Soverino of STAR

- Requested \$31,652 for summer programming, including \$29,584 for staffing costs
- Programs include:
 - Adaptive water sports with Community Sailing
 - New Beach Buddies mentorship program
 - Town of Nantucket Wheelers bike program expanding to 4 bikes
 - Aquatics program at high school pool
- Currently serves 43 participants across programs
- Committee requested:
 - Matrix showing participant needs classification and associated costs
 - Program cost breakdown if unable to fully fund

9:45 am – 10:00 am Alicia Carney of Nantucket Dreamland

- Reduced initial \$300K request to \$80K for theater-based community programs
- Previous year's programs reached approximately 2,000 in-person attendees plus 600 virtual viewers from 8 countries
- Program components include:
 - Theater of War productions
 - School-based speaking events
 - Community discussions
- Committee requested:
 - Written confirmation of revised funding request
 - Updated program budget reflecting \$80K scope

10:00 am – 10:15 am Morgan Baker of Fairwinds

- Requested \$125K for psychiatric reimbursement gap and workforce development
- Served 953 total clients in past year, including 625 receiving psychiatric services
- Current psychiatric service cost is \$350 per hour vs \$298 maximum insurance reimbursement
- Committee requested:
 - Prioritized list of funding needs if unable to fully fund
 - Exploration of alternative funding sources for management audit

10:30 am – 10:45 am Brian Lenane of Memory Café

- Program operates 2 monthly sessions at Sherburne Commons and Our Island Home
- Currently serving 15-16 participants per month across both locations
- December attendance ranged from 8-10 participants per session
- Committee discussed:
 - Strategies to increase community-based participation
 - Potential collaboration with Tucker TV for virtual access
 - Additional outreach through Meals on Wheels program

11:30 am – 11:45 am Jackie Lane of NAMI

- Program reimburses 8 therapists up to \$125 per session with \$2,000 monthly cap per therapist
- Currently working with 8 licensed therapists on island
- Serves approximately 240 people annually
- Committee recommended:
 - Standardizing reimbursement rates across therapists
 - Clarifying program metrics and impact data
 - Documenting program changes from youth-only to all ages

VII. Other Business

Committee emphasized need for standardized metrics across programs including Cost per person served program impact measurements and Participant demographic data.

Plans to develop formal metrics framework for future grant cycles

- Next grant application reviews scheduled for January 17th with 10 additional organizations
- Deliberations set to begin January 24th with report targeted for early February 2025
- Meeting with CRC & CHS needed to review material and presentation to come up with recommendations independently to align with Q3 (April 10th)

VIII. Adjournment

- IX. Sue motioned to adjourn it was seconded by Joana and accepted by all members in attendance.

