



Contract Review Committee Meeting

Town of Nantucket

131 Pleasant Street

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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)

~MINUTES~

Friday, January 31st, 2025

4 Fairgrounds, Community Room

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

Attendance: John Belash, Sue Mynttinen, Linda Williams, Veronica Bolcik, Joana Roche

Staff: Jerico Mele, Alexandria Richards

- I. Call to Order
Veronica called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.
- II. Establish Quorum
Veronica Established Quorum at 9:13 am.
- III. Approval of Agenda
Linda motioned to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Sue then accepted by all members in attendance.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 1.10.2025
Linda motioned to approve minutes, and it was seconded by John and accepted by all members in attendance.
- V. Public Comment
No comment.

VI. Review Rubric results Human Services and Substance Misuse Grants FY 26

Committee used 5-point scoring rubric across multiple criteria to evaluate applications

Scoring results ranged from 10 to 20.6 points across applications

Committee aligned on using scores as initial guidance while considering:

- a. Direct service impact vs enhancement programs
- b. Critical community needs vs supplemental programming
- c. Organization's ability to secure alternative funding

VII. Deliberation of Grant Applications for Human Services and Substance Misuse FY 26

Committee learned PRISM's application was ineligible due to pending 501(c) status.

\$41,400 in unallocated substance misuse funding available after other awards.

Committee will explore options to reallocate unused funds to Health & Human Services grants.

VIII. Approval of FY 26 grant awards for Human Services and Substance Misuse FY 26

Linda motioned to approve the grant funding as stated below it was seconded by Joana and accepted by all members in attendance.

Human Services: A Safe Place \$60,000, Artist Association \$30,000, Nantucket Atheneum \$0, Nantucket Dreamland \$0, Boys and Girls Club \$0, Elder Services \$30,000, Health Imperatives \$118,000, In the Herd \$55,000, Inter Faith Council \$75,000, Nantucket Lighthouse School \$0, MVCS \$19,000, NAMI \$51,000, Sharing Kindness \$5,000, Sherburne \$17,000, South Coast Legal \$5,000, Nantucket STAR \$30,000, The Warming Place \$55,000, Fairwinds \$100,000.

Substance: Addiction Solutions \$85,000, Health Imperatives \$25,000, NAMI/ASAP \$23,630, PRXM \$0.

IX. Discussion of additional funding and formal request to Select Board for FY 27

Draft report to be prepared by Tuesday, February 4th, 2025
Committee to review draft via email

Final approval meeting scheduled for Friday, February 7th, 2025 at 9:00am via Zoom.

Report must be submitted to Finance Committee before February 15th, 2025

Report will include detailed breakdown of all funding requests, Program descriptions and services provided, funding recommendations with rationale, analysis of funding trends and challenges.

Committee discussed requesting budget increase for FY27 based on 5% minimum annual cost increase needed for Nantucket operations, historical flat funding at \$650K despite inflation, increased community needs and service demands.

Joanna recommended developing compelling case showing impact of funding constraints on core service providers, number of qualified programs receiving zero funding, growing gap between requests and available funding.

- X. Discuss application for Opiate Settlement Grant
Jerico gave a short explanation on the Opioid grant process and the requirements.

There will be a short grant process estimated from March -April for \$55,000 and it must be awarded for opioid related issues. The grant will be one award to one agency.

- XI. New Business

Joanna proposed creating formal grant award ceremony to: Increase public awareness of town's support for community programs, allow organizations to present their impact, Celebrate successful programs and partnerships.

Committee agreed to require town logo/acknowledgment on all funded programs' materials.

- XII. Adjournment
Sue motioned to adjourn it was seconded by John and accepted by all members in attendance at 11:55am.