



Council For Human Services Meeting

Town of Nantucket

131 Pleasant Street

Nantucket, MA, 02554

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Council for Human Services Members: Veronica Bolcik (Chair), Suzanne Keating, Sue Mynttinen, Tara Restieri, Kelly Steffen, Claudia Valle, Amanda Wright, Sarah Wright

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

~MINUTES~

Thursday, August 29, 2024

131 Pleasant St, Trailer

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

Attendance: Veronica Bolcik, Suzanne Keating, Sue Mynttinen, Tara Restieri, Kelly Steffen, Amanda Wright, Sarah Wright,

Staff: Jerico Mele

- I. Establish Quorum
Quorum was established
- II. Acceptance of Agenda
Tara motioned to accept the agenda and it was accepted by all members in attendance.
- III. Approval of July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes
No minutes were approved.
- IV. Public Comment
No public comment.
- V. Election of Chair / Co-Chair
Sue motioned to elect Veronica as chair, and it was accepted by all members in attendance.

Sue motioned to nominate herself as co-chair and it was accepted by all members in attendance.

VI. Human Services Director Report

Jerico gave brief updates on the status of the vaccine clinics, new public health director, RFP and Rubrik status.

Jerico then requested permission to move on to discussion of item VII which was granted.

VII. Continue Discussion on Mission and Goals of CHS

Jerico mentioned that the preliminary report was received and there has been a discussion of the initial finding which will likely be adopted by the Select board. Regarding the CHS that would mean formalizing the process and adopting an additional oversight role with help in outreach and assist in forming priorities for the CRC.

The formal report will be submitted to the Select board and a meeting/presentation will be scheduled in the first week of October with all parties (CRC, CHS, Selectboard & Town Admin).

VIII. Review Grant Application and Rubric

Jerico asked the Council to take an eye to the Rubric because a major ongoing task for the CHS will be priority setting to inform the RFP for the next year. He mentioned that the RFP should be ready for review in their September meeting and with that it will be a major part of how they move forward with having two sets of eyes on the grant application process without overlapping.

Amanda questioned how they will educate applicants when changes are made to help applicants and give them space to ask questions.

Veronica mentioned it would be a good idea to have an information session and give a presentation and give space for applicants to ask questions. She also mentioned she would like to see more outreach to raise awareness to new and different programs that could use help but are not aware that these grants exist.

Council discussed ways to get the word out surrounding the grants and using social media to aid in marketing the grants and the grant process.

IX. Other Business

Not discussed.

X. Adjournment

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