



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), Sue Mynttinen (Vice-Chair) Suzanne Keating, Tara Restieri, Kelly Steffen, Claudia Valle, Amanda Wright, Sarah Wright

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

~MINUTES~

Thursday, November 21st, 2024

131 Pleasant St, Trailer

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

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

Staff: Jerico Mele, Alexandria Richards

- I. Establish Quorum
Quorum was established at 12:51 pm by Veronica.
- II. Acceptance of Agenda
Sue motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Sarah and accepted by all members in attendance.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 09.26.2024 & 10.07.2024
Sarah motioned to approve minutes seconded by Sue and accepted by all members in attendance.
- IV. Public Comment
No Public comment.
- V. Review CRC process and overview of grant submissions.

Veronica gave a background of CRC Process and important updates from the Consultants and recent events. She discussed how the committee streamlined the Grant application to be more specific as well as a new offering of an information session for potential applicants to get an explanation of the new application.

Veronica and Jerico gave updates regarding how the process is currently going along with the schedule for interviews and deliberations. They mentioned the current ask combined from all the grant applicants.

VI. Review consultant's report from 10/7/2024

Veronica discussed that a needs assessment had not been done in over 14 years and Veronica gave the floor to Jerico to combine the consultant's report and Director's report into one.

Jerico discussed the core recommendations from the study such as:
Benchmarking of Nantucket in relation to other communities and level of investment as a municipality
Increased coordination of CHS and CRC to set priorities and look at the larger picture of grant spending
Outlined Responsibilities of CHS, CRC and Town staff
A needs assessment and ongoing needs assessments with less time gaps in-between.

VII. Human Services Director report
Combined with Item VI.

VIII. Community Human Services related items submitted by CHS members for updates and discussion.

Including but not limited to:

1. Transportation off island for specialty medical care I.e. non-primary care for people who do not fit neatly into various funds set up to address this and who are not PT-1 eligible.
2. Immigration resources on island.

Sarah gave updates on funding resources for residents through various nonprofits for medical transportation for various populations of the island.

She also gave updates for immigration resources since there has been an increased demand. These services no longer exist on Nantucket as they previously have however, they usually refer people to the Community Action Center for Cape and islands, source hub in fall river. Jerico also mentioned that South Coast Legal is also another resource.

IX. Other Business
Not Discussed.

X. Next Meeting December 19, 2024, at noon
Committee agreed to meet the same meeting date but check if there was availability for the meeting to be held at 4:00pm on the 4th Thursday of the month.

XI. Adjournment
Sue motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Sarah accepted by all members in attendance.