



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)

~MINUTES~

Friday, April 25th, 2025

131 Pleasant St, Trailer

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

Attendance: Veronica Bolcik, Sue Mynttinen, John W. Belash, Linda Williams, Joanna Roche

Staff: Jerico Mele, Alexandria Richards

Members of the Public: Morgan Baker (Fairwinds)

I. Call to Order

Veronica called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

II. Establish Quorum

Quorum was established at 9:06 am.

III. Acceptance of Agenda

Linda made a motion to accept the agenda, it was seconded by Sue and accepted by all members in attendance.

IV. Approval of Minutes from 1/17/2025, 1/31/2025, 2/7/2025

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes with correction of the location for the 2/7 meeting, it was seconded by Linda and accepted by all members in attendance.

V. Public Comment

No comment.

VI. Wrap up of FY 26 Human Services Grant warrant

The committee reviewed fiscal year 26 Human Services Grant and focused on the Substance Misuse funding. It was noted that the Substance Misuse fund stream would end, but there was an update made by Brian to confirm that funding would continue through special stabilization funds since impact fees will no longer be available due to state rulings.

The committee discussed the importance of better public relations and marketing for the grants. It was agreed that organizations receiving funding should include the town logo in their marketing materials to ensure the community is aware of taxpayer dollars being used for these important projects.

The recognition event for FY 26 grant recipients was discussed. The committee debated timing and location, considering the best way to honor grantees and bring visibility to the work being done with town funds. Dates have been discussed, and the committee is considering holding the event after the summer.

VII. Opiate Grant Application and review process

Town allocated opioid settlement funds into two streams: \$35,000 for addiction treatment and \$20,000 for prevention

Application period runs from April 21 to May 21, 2025, with the goal of having funds accessible by July 1, 2025

Jericho confirmed organizations can apply for both grant streams simultaneously

Jericho sent notifications to all agencies that applied for CRC grants in the past 1-2 years

Committee scheduled grant review meetings for May 30 and June 6, 2025, at 9:00 AM

Jericho will prepare combined application packets for committee review by May 23, 2025

VIII. Approval of Quarterlies

Sue made a motion to approve all quarterlies and reimburse money for Quarter 3 it was seconded by Joana and accepted by all members in attendance.

Veronica requested a consolidated document showing awarded money versus actual spent per quarter for the year end review as some organizations have turned in \$0 invoices.

Staff confirmed that there is a working Grant Payout document breaking down awards vs request per quarter that can be shared with the committee and confirmed that some organizations have used all of the grant funds in previous quarters and that explains the \$0 invoices.

IX. Formal request for funding FY 27

The committee discussed the current funding that consists of \$650,000 for Human services and \$175,000 for substance misuse, totaling \$825,000. Jerico noted the current \$650,000 allocation has decreased in value due to inflation

Joana proposed a three-year funding increase plan:

Year 1: Increase from \$825,000 to \$900,000

Year 2: Increase to \$1.1 million

Year 3: Increase to \$1.3 million

Joana recommended separating operational support from seeding new programs in funding strategy.

The committee agreed to develop a comprehensive case showing both increased community needs and inflation impacts.

X. Preparation for Review of potential CHS and CRC structure change

Committee discussed challenges with maintaining quorum and filling required positions

Linda strongly opposed combining CRC with other committees, citing its specific mission

The committee identified the need for a representative from Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission (NPEDC) but discussed potentially modifying bylaws to change position requirements.

XI. New business

Veronica mentioned an awareness event about the "Horses for Mental Health" program, where a portion of a film will be shown, and the director of the film will be available via Zoom for Q&A.

Jerico and Veronica discussed positive feedback they have received from participants in the Horses for Mental health Program which is one of the Human Services Grant recipients.

XII. Establish the next meeting date

The committee agreed that the next meeting will be scheduled for May 30th and June 6th from 9 am-11am.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:51 am, however it was not adjourned as quorum was lost earlier in the meeting.