



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

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

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Thursday, July 31st, 2025

131 Pleasant St, Trailer A

This meeting was held with remote participation using ZOOM

Attendance: Veronica Bolcik, Sarah Wright, Amanda Wright, Suzanne Keating, Kelly Steffen, Tara Restieri, Deborah Goudemond

Staff: Jerico Mele, Alexandria Richards

Members of the Public: John Belash (CRC)

I. Establish Quorum

Quorum was established by roll call attendance.

Tara made a motion to close the meeting from 6/26/2025. It was seconded by Kelly and accepted by all members in attendance.

II. Acceptance of Agenda

No motion was made to accept the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes from 6/26/25 & 7/24/25

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

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Introduction of New Member of CHS and welcome back to returning members

Committee members gave a brief introduction of them and their backgrounds.

VI. Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Suzanne nominated Veronica for chair, it was seconded by Amanda and accepted by all members in attendance. Sarah was missing for this vote.

Veronica nominated Sarah for co-chair. It was seconded by Amanda and accepted by all members in attendance including Sara.

VII. Appointment of two CHS members to Contract Review Committee

Jerico gave a background of the CRC responsibilities to give members and idea of expectations.

Suzanne volunteered to join the CRC while Veronica volunteered to be reappointed.

Tara made a motion to appoint Suzanne and Veronica to CRC it was seconded by Sarah and accepted by all members in attendance.

VIII. Continued process of focusing roles of Council for Human Services and Contract Review Committee

Veronica discussed the specific roles of CRC and CHS.

The committee discussed the idea of breaking down into smaller focus groups to have a more targeted approach to specific sectors/needs of the community and report information to CRC.

IX. Grant Application Review and creation of the Rubric

Lexi will send a copy of the Grant application that includes the Rubric for review and discussion at the next meeting.

X. Grant funding for FY27 for Human Services and Substance Misuse

The next meeting will be a joint meeting of CRC and CHS to discuss the grant funding with Brian Turbitt.

XI. Needs Assessment Update

Included in Director's Report.

XII. Human Services Director Report

Jerico confirmed that Kulik was the agency selected for the needs assessment, and they were the first choice from the selection committee. Their kickoff meeting will be in September.

XIII. Community Human Services items for discussion by CHS members

No discussion.

XIV. Old Business Human Services Table at Sustainable Market

Veronica updated the status on the table reservation at the Sustainable Market. It will be available after September, and the committee decided to circle back on the schedule and use of the table later.

XV. Grant Award Ceremony on September 12, 2025

Location is pending.

Veronica will work with Alexandria to create a certificate for Grant recipients.

XVI. New Business

No discussion.

XVII. Next meeting date

The new regular meeting date was agreed to be the 4th Thursday of every month at noon. The next meeting will be scheduled for August 28th at noon.

XVIII. Adjournment

Sarah motioned to adjourn it was seconded by Kelly and accepted by all members in attendance at 1:25pm.