



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)

~MINUTES~

Thursday, September 11th, 2025

131 Pleasant St, Trailer B

This meeting was held in hybrid fashion with remote participation using ZOOM

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

Staff: Jerico Mele, Alexandria Richards

I. Establish Quorum

Quorum was established by attendance at 12:06 pm.

II. Acceptance of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes from 8/8/2025 & 8/21/2025

Deborah made a motion to approve the minutes it was seconded by Suzanne and accepted by all members in attendance.

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Update on funding request for FY 27 for TON Human Services and Substance Misuse Grants

Veronica gave an update following the formal letter that was sent to the Town Manager and Selectboard to request funding for FY27. It is confirmed that there will be level funding of \$650,000 in Human Services grants and \$175,000 for Substance Misuse Grants.

Jerico confirmed that the budget process for FY27 is underway, and he has been instructed to submit a request for increased funding. This will include all the new business that CRC and CHS have been doing.

VI. Overview and approval of Operational, Program and Substance Misuse Grant Request for Proposals.

Veronica confirmed the new application breakdown of category and the date for the bidder's information session on September 25th 9-11am.

The session will be posted as a joint meeting for both CRC and CHS in case of quorum.

The committee has a detailed overview of the revised rubric.

Sue made a motion to approve the release of three RFPs with corrections made. It was seconded by Sarah and accepted by all members in attendance.

VII. Assignment of Study Groups

Veronica assigned the study group as follows:

Shelter and Food- Deborah and Kelly

Children & Youth - Suzanne and Tara

Elder Care - Amanda and Sarah

Behavioral Health - Sue and Suzanne

Substance Misuse - Amanda and Deborah

Healthcare - Tara and Sarah

Emergency - Sue and Kelly

VIII. Needs Assessment Update

Jerico gave updates on his previous meetings with the Needs assessment consultants that covered various topics surrounding data collection and confirmed that the steering committee meetings will start next week.

IX. Human Services Director Report

Jerico confirmed that the department is gearing up for vaccine clinics for the flu in end of September and October then after that vaccines should be given through primary care.

X. Community Human Services items for discussion by CHS members

There were updates on the Hospital's Health Fair on October 4th and the upcoming Senior Expo on October 18th. The warming place will be opening its doors on November 1st.

XI. Grant Award Ceremony on September 12, 2025

Veronica confirmed the details of the program for the day.

XII. New Business

Not discussed.

XIII. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be on October 16th at noon.

XIV. Adjournment

Sara made a motion to adjourn it was seconded by Suzanne and accepted by all members in attendance at 1:37 pm.