



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,

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

~MINUTES~

Thursday, December 18th, 2025

131 Pleasant St, Trailer B

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

Attendance: Veronica Bolcik, Suzanne Keating, Amanada Wright, Sue Mynttinen, Kelly Steffen, Sarah Wright

Staff: Jerico Mele, Alexandria Richards

- I. Establish Quorum
Quorum was established with attendance at 12:04pm
- II. Acceptance of Agenda
Suzanne made a motion to accept the agenda it was seconded by Sue and accepted by all members in attendance.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 9/25/2025 and 10/23/2025
Sarah made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/25/2025 and 10/23/2025 it was seconded by Sue and accepted by all members in attendance.

Sarah made a motion to close the 10/23/25 meeting, it was seconded by Suzanne and accepted by all members in attendance.
- IV. Public Comment
No comment.

V. Review Grant process FY27 for TON Human Services and Substance Misuse Grants

Veronica gave an overview of the complete grant process, rubric results and recommended funding.

The committee had a discussion surrounding notification to applicants of grant award after deliberations are completed. This award alert requires a message to recipients that these awards are not final until approval at annual town meeting.

Sue made a motion to send an email notification on an individual level to all FY27 applicants of their recommended award and a link to the deliberation recording.

The motion was seconded by Sarah and accepted by all members in attendance

VI. Approval of Report for Grant Recommendations FY 27

Jerico will be sending Veronica a final draft of the report, which will then be sent to both the CRC and CHS members for review.

VII. Update on Needs Assessment

Jerico confirmed that the needs assessment is approaching 200 survey responses pending a few paper copies that will be input shortly by Marcos from the consultant firm.

The Spanish and English radio ads are running, and an eye will be kept on any changes or increase in response after the start of the radio ads.

Marcos will hold time to attend both CRC and CHS meetings in January to deliver updates.

VIII. Human Services Director Report

Jerico gave updates on Vision Clinics at the schools and a universal daycare program that is being worked on to be potentially implemented this spring and summer.

IX. Community Human Services items for discussion by CHS members

The committee discussed the opening of the Warming Place for the season and how the operation of the shelter helps to decompress the Emergency room at NCH.

X. New Business*

Deborah has resigned from her position on the Council and has taken a role in Town administration.

Sue informed the committee that she had sent a letter to the editor based on past discussion within the committee regarding compassion for victims of sexual assault.

XI. Next meeting date

The committee will have their next meeting on January 29th.

Moving forward they will keep their regular meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month.

XII. Adjournment

Sarah made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Sue and accepted by all members in attendance at 1:30pm.