



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, April 23rd, 2026

131 Pleasant St, Trailer A

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

Attendance: Amanda Wright, Veronika Bolcik, Sue Mynttinen, Tara Restieri, Sarah Wright (left at 12:44pm), Kelly Steffen, Suzanne Keating

Staff: Alexandria Richards

Public: Marcos Alcorn, Tracy Kulik (Kulik Strategic Advisors)

- I. Establish Quorum
Quorum was established at 12:03pm with attendance.
- II. Acceptance of Agenda
Sue made a motion to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Amanada and accepted by all members in attendance.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 2/12/2026
Sue made a motion to approve minutes from 2/12/2026 it was seconded by Suzanne and accepted by all members in attendance.
- IV. Public Comment
No comment.
- V. Review of Grant Process FY 27 and preliminary preparation for FY 28
Veronica gave updates on the FINCOM meeting confirming Grant recommendations are on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

In early July the FY28 funding request letter will be sent to the town requesting an increase for Grants.

There have been good reviews on the separation of Operational Grants, and this process will continue for FY28.

Veronica and Jerico are looking to have a uniformed structure for quarterly reporting. This would improve the process for submission and have detailed formatting and submission across all organizations.

- VI. Update on Needs Assessment with on-site visits to take place May 4 thru 8, 2026.

Marcos gave an update on data collection since the last discussion. The survey responses are currently at 436 which is greater than the goal of 382.

Marcos will be onsite from May 4th through the 8th for in person data collection from seasonal residents.

The committee brainstormed additional places for Marcos to visit and hand out surveys. Marcos noted that there is a need to increase responses from the young adults as well as Hispanic residents to provide proper representation in the data.

- VII. Human Services Director Report

Jerico was not present at this meeting, so no Director's report was given.

- VIII. Community Human Services items for by CHS members

Veronica gave updates on the Food pantry reopening in their new shared location.

- IX. Review ATM Warrant 69

Veronica started the discussion on the warrant for annual Town meeting. She confirmed that the current charter calls for three at large members, one FinCom member, two CHS members and one member from NPEDC.

The warrant article is to change the clause for NPEDC and allow them to appoint someone of their choice instead of being limited to a current member. This will hopefully help with quorum issues and assist CRC in having a full committee.

- X. New Business*

Members up for re-appointment have applications due by May 8th at noon. Conflict of Interest training also needs to be completed for all members.

There will be an upcoming discussion for new meeting times or days recommendations.

- XI. Next meeting date

The next meeting date will be May 28th at noon.

XII. Adjournment

Sue motioned to adjourn it was seconded by Suzanne and accepted by all members in attendance at 1:44pm