



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, June 25th, 2026

131 Pleasant St, Trailer A

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

Attendance: Veronica Bolcik, Tara Restieri, Amanda Wright, Suzanne Keating, Sue Mynttinen, Sara Wright, Kelly Steffen (12:14pm)

Staff: Alexandria Richards, Jerico Mele (12:34pm)

CRC: John Belash, Joana Roche, Linda Williams

Public: Marcos Alcorn (Kulik Strategic Advisors), Rosemary McLaughlin (Community Solutions for Behavioral Health) (12:40pm)

- I. Establish Quorum
Quorum was established with attendance at 12:09pm.
- II. Acceptance of Agenda
Sara made a motion to approve the agenda it was seconded by Amanda and accepted by all in attendance.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 4/23/26
Suzanne made a motion to approve the minutes from April 23rd it was seconded by Tara and accepted by all in attendance.
- IV. Public Comment
No comment.

V. Presentation of Nantucket Human Services Needs Assessment by Kulik Strategic Advisors

Marcos Presented the final draft of the needs assessment and confirmed there were 621 resident surveys, and this surpassed the response goal of 382.

Of the survey responses 42.3% of respondents reported a household income below \$150,000.

The Needs Assessment found that the top 5 health concerns from residents were access to healthcare, health insurance, substance misuse and child immunization.

Committee members voiced concerns surrounding the readiness of the report to be shared with the public. The committee suggested connecting the report to CRC/CHS's funding history with action-oriented bullet points before going to the Select Board and the public.

There will be an email sent out to request volunteers for a CRC/CHS workgroup. This workgroup will provide feedback and recommendations to Marcos on how the report can be reworked to fit the goals and work the CHS and CRC have been focusing on.

VI. Presentation of Nantucket Community Postvention Plan, Rosemary McLaughlin of Community Solutions for Behavioral Health
Not discussed.

VII. Human Services Director Report
Not discussed.

VIII. Community Human Services items for by CHS members
Not discussed.

IX. Review Grant Schedule for FY 28
Not discussed.

X. New Business*
Veronica confirmed two new members will be joining the committee at the next meeting.

XI. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held on July 23rd at noon.

XII. Adjournment

Tara made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Suzanne and accepted by all members in attendance at 1:46pm.