

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:00PM
Via Go To Meeting

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Erin Gaudet, Gerry Baird, Mark Barillaro, Celeste Calabotta, Amanda Stevens (joined 6:32PM), Sydney Robinson

Members Absent: Brian Corbin

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: None.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting February 13, 2023: motioned by S. Auletta, seconded by G. Baird passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: All accounts are funded. D. Melillo noted that some accounts show more funds available than normal for this time of year due to the length of time it took to hire new personnel.

Motion to Increase Age Range of CHS Clients: motioned by C. Calabotta, seconded by M. Barillaro passed unanimously. This motion is to increase the age range from 5-21 years of age to 5-25 years of age.

Approval of New Transition Program for Residents 16-25 Years of Age: This will be a young adult's group, not therapy, to provide executive function coaching. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the lack of options for young adults who do not choose the college path. More training is needed for those who may want to choose a trade instead or are currently struggling out of high school. It was suggested that a fee be charged on a sliding scale basis.

Status of Replacement for Human Services Director Position: Erin and Shelby met with Karl Kilduff on Monday, March 6th. They were informed that the job description cannot be touched because of its Union status - same for the Director holding a therapist's license. The job will be posted in late April with Town Council's schedule approval. Meanwhile, the Board would like to get the word out via Facebook, Instagram, etc. to attract higher-level professionals.

Director's Report: There is a presentation at the Morgan School tomorrow called It's My Money that E. Gaudet arranged with funding from CHS's Peer-to Peer account. The Tech Guide for the Tech Equity Initiative (through ARPA funds) at the library has been hired and the program is now up and running. India continues Job Shadow planning and Home Alone and Mother Daughter Night Out are scheduled for the Spring. Also working on Grandparents Group reboot.

Correspondence: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero