

Human Services Advisory Meeting Minutes

Recorded Meeting Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2MEAHfFs3k>

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris (Advisory Board, Chair)
Julia DeLapp (Member at Large)
Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM)
Shamim Patwa (Mansfield Advocates for Children Rep.)

Staff:

Patricia Schneider (Director of Human Services)
Katherine Bell (Youth Services)
Dorothy Del Valle (Administrative Services Specialist)
Lesley Magarian (Office Assistant)

Absent:

Will Bigl (Commission on Aging)
Marie Hakmiller (Member at Large)
Jennifer Dhyana (Housing Authority Rep.)
Lorraine Kenowski (Member at Large)
Ron Baker (Member at Large)

- I. Call to Order at 3:35 p.m.
- II. Minutes from February 23, 2022 meeting were approved as written
- III. Departmental Update (P. Schneider)
 - A. Staffing Update – reported an additional full time Youth Services Social Worker Imoni Petgrave started April 26th
 - B. Program Update – no report made
 - C. Budget Update – budget adopted by the Town Council on April 25, 2022 included:
 - An additional full time Community Assistance Coordinator
 - 5 additional hr/wk for the Nutrition Coordinator at the Senior Center (from 25 to 30 hrs)
 - Contractual Interpreter Services for the department

IV. Old Business

- Review of the Grants to Agency Application Process – Pat advised the increases recommended by the committee passed as part of the budget.
- Committee agreed that they are sticking with their recommendations however, additional review was needed, establishing RFP for the grants and that the main change was to the timeline, town priorities.

V. New Business

A. ARPA Funding – allocated \$ 350,000 of funds. First trench already received, 2nd trench will be received in June/July timeframe. Pat stated that ARPA will be looking to this committee to provide parameters to give residents applying more guidance. They are also looking for an administrative process to support this. Pat to provide ARPA administrative specifics/summary of what ARPA is looking for to the committee. Julia to provide proposal. Once both have been provided, then need Town Council to add to their agenda (possible meeting dates for agenda, May 9th, May 23rd, June 13th or June 27th).

B. HSAC Special meeting – will add one, if needed.

C. Committee advised Marie Hakmiller (Member at Large) has resigned. Also, due to 3 + consecutive non-excused absences, a motion was made to remove Lorraine Kenowski (Member at Large) and Ron Baker (Member at Large) from the committee and motion passed. Pat will reach out for new names.

VI. No Public Comment.

VII. Adjournment at 4:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.