

Human Services Council Agenda
Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 3:15pm
540 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771
Conference Room

Attendance: Michelle Hines, Maria Duarte, Cheryl Camara, Beverly Della Grotta, Josephine Veader, Rene Andrews, Brittney Faria (Director), and Ashley Cartwright (Assistant Director)

Absent: Keith Perry

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 3:17pm
2. Pledge Allegiance
3. Minutes
 - a. Monday, January 23, 2023
 - i. Josephine made a motion to accept the minutes
 - ii. Beverly second the motion
 - iii. 5 aye and 1 abstain
4. Old Business
 - a. Monthly Reports
 - i. Emergency assistance hasn't been utilized as much as in the past
 - b. Budget Review
 - i. Saving on Outreach Salary as previous Outreach Worker left but an offer is being extended to replace the Outreach Worker on March 1 at the Board of Selectmen Meeting
 - ii. Salary lines are on point following schedule
 - iii. Expense budget is where it should be, the postage account hasn't been used so for FY24 it is getting cut in half. The newsletter previously used the postage line but the newsletter is mailed by the reporter monthly and also available at the library and Town Hall
 - c. Activities
 - i. Michelle inquired about the people counter from December noting that there was a count for January. Ashley explained that it was down for the month of December but it is working again.
5. New Business
 - a. Town Crier
 - i. Michelle had originally asked to have this on the agenda but Brittney just stated how the newsletter reaches all the residents
6. Chairpersons Report
 - a. The elevator has been delivered, but it has not been put together yet
 - b. The Selectmen voted for additional funds for Phase II
 - c. A new generator will be installed that will be able to operate the entire building
7. Directors Report
 - a. A new Outreach Worker is being offered a conditional offer pending successful background check this Wednesday, March 1 at the Board of Selectmen meeting
 - b. Sharon retired
 - c. Music has changed for the St. Patrick's Day celebration
 - d. Still running Park & Recreation and Human Services
 - e. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) funds our exercise classes so there is a donation jar encouraging residents to donate to help offset the costs from the grant.
 - f. Belly Dancing is getting cut back to once a month due to the lack of attendance

8. Other Business
 - a. Discuss Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairperson 48 Hours before the Meeting
9. Members Speaks
 - a. Maria – Asked the status of line dancing. Brittney responded there was no interest based on the survey of all participants, participants didn't want to start exercise at 9:15am and others said that was too many exercise classes in a day
 - b. Beverly – Would like to know the selection of donations for the other side
 - c. Beverly – Toyota donated \$2,500 to Friends of Friends
 - d. Rene – Has an envelope for Brittney for a program for a chair lift or ramps
 - e. Ashley – Mentioned three trips are booked for this year through Best of Times and looked into a casino trip as well. Foxwoods is not offering their casino package for tour groups yet but Encore Casino in Boston has a package that will be looked into
10. Public Speaks
11. Next Meeting
 - a. Monday, March 27, 2023 @ 3:15pm
12. Motion to Adjourn
 - a. Cheryl made a motion to adjourn at 4:10pm
 - b. Beverly second the motion
 - c. Vote was unanimous

Documents received for February 27, 2023 meeting:

- Minutes
 - Monday, January 23, 2023
- January Activities & Statistics
- January Outreach Emergency Assistance