

**Town of Barnstable
Human Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2014**

Names in BOLD indicate action items.

Present:

Scott Fitzgerald (chair), Bill Doherty, Heidi Nelson, Roy Richardson, Mark Thomas, (members), Jen Cullum

Absent:

Charles Hetzel, Paul Thompson

Guests:

Order

The meeting came to order at 4:15 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2014

The minutes of the June 10, 2014 were approved as written (Richardson motion, Thomas second).

Election of FY15 HSC Officers

Heidi nominated Scott for Chair, Mark for Vice Chair, and Heidi for Secretary. The officers were approved by a unanimous vote of those present at the meeting.

Review and Completion of Presentation for July Town Council Meeting

Scott has drafted Powerpoint slides to share our recommendations with Town Council. They included our overall recommendation (the town must play an active role in endorsing and committing resources to resolve the issue of substance abuse and addiction), a summary of statistics on the problem, and our process to date. Then there are a series of slides, one for each specific recommendation (partner with the YMCA to start the Achievers program, create a one-stop electronic resource center, sponsor a forum for parents and other community members, and support and expand the Barnstable Youth Commission.

We spent our meeting time reviewing the slides. Jen shared her experience working with Stacie on planning for the Achievers program, Roy promoted the idea of reaching out to the populations that would be served, and Mark shared a story about his own experience with pain killer prescriptions where he felt he was given more medication than he needed.

Scott asked everyone to review the slides and make edits/suggestions. Although Charlie is not here today, he will be part of the presentation by sharing comments during the public comment time.

Discussion of Topics for Future Agendas

We will discuss the future work of the committee at our August meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi R. Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Heidi Nelson
Secretary and CEO, Duffy Health Center