

**Town of Barnstable
Human Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

Names in BOLD indicate action items.

Present:

Scott Fitzgerald (chair), Robin Gunderson, Heidi Nelson (recorder), and Steven Xiarhos

Absent:

Meaghan Mort, Stacie Peugh, Heather Strassel and Jen Cullum, Town Council Liaison

Guests:

Order:

The meeting came to order at 5:10 p.m.

Membership

Scott reported that Christopher McMillan has resigned from the committee due to new work obligations. **Scott** will follow-up with Meaghan Mort on her membership status. **Heidi** will contact Deb Krau to check on her interest in applying for committee membership.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment

None.

Discussion

We reviewed the minutes from the July meeting, where the needs highlighted in the Community Health Needs Assessment were reviewed and discussed with Beth Albert from Barnstable County. We identified the areas where we identified significant gaps and where the interests of committee members lie. We identified four issue areas:

- Veterans suicide
- Recovery from addiction
- Mental Health First Aid (first responders)
- Food insecurity and food pantries

Next Steps

Steve will contact Dr. Jocelyn Howard from the local VA outpatient center to come and speak with us on September 12, and **Heidi** will invite Brenda Swain from Falmouth Service Center and Dr. David Sheinkopf from the Cape Cod Synagogue in Hyannis to speak with us on October 10 about food pantries.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi R. Nelson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Heidi Nelson
Duffy Health Center and Secretary to Committee

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.