



Human Services Committee
367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA
August 13, 2024
5:30pm

Meeting Minutes

I. BUSINESS

A. Roll Call: Chair Cheryl Powell took roll call: The Governor’s office protocol for remote participation due to Covid restrictions is no longer in effect therefore this meeting was held in the Selectmen’s Conference Room.

Members present: Cheryl Powell (Chair); Suzanne Welch, Wendy Crocker, Kimberly Crocker-Crowther; Sheree Kay (Missi).

Members absent: Rep. Steven Xiarhos

I. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Roll Call
- Discuss report to be given to Town Council
- Guest speaker (s) and planning
- Public Comment
- Other items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair
- Adjourn

Chair of Committee Cheryl Powell opened the meeting at 5:40pm. Chair of Committee did a Roll Call of members present. (See above) The meeting began with a confirmation of quorum and instructions for participation.

Chair of Committee started the meeting by announcing “In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and informed that the meeting would be replayed on Xfinity Channel 8 and HD Channel 107”. It was also mentioned that the meeting would be accessible on the government access channel and video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable website.

Chair of Committee then introduced the Guest Presenter, Daniel Rodrigues, LICSW, PMH-C, Director of Substance Use Disorder and Outreach Programs for Duffy Health Center. He gave a very comprehensive overview of the medical, behavioral health and case management services that they offer. Currently, they have six (6) sites located in Hyannis, Falmouth and Dennis serving roughly 3,100 individuals annually. Mr. Rodrigues stressed that his staff endeavors to “meet people in their environment versus waiting for people to come to them.” Both Chair of Committee Powell and Committee Member Crocker-Crowther contributed work related examples supporting the importance of this concept. Committee member Crocker inquired as to whether there is remediation funding (grants) available to address specific needs. Mr. Rodrigues stated that the Town has been awarded funding to address opioid addiction. It is also his hope that, as a result of the Barnstable County Regional

Substance Abuse Study, all towns will merge available funding to work toward assisting with housing, transportation and harm reduction needs regionally. Town Council Member Bette Ludke inquired as to where she could find a copy of the Abuse Study referenced above.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM was made by Wendy Crocker and seconded by Suzanne Welch.

Next Meeting: TBD