

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR HUMAN SERVICES October 16, 2012

- I. The meeting of the Nantucket Council for Human Services was called to order on October 16 at 12:33 PM.

Present at the meeting were Council Members Mary Wawro, Margaretta Andrews, Jenny Garneau, John Belash, Annie Menz, Joe Aguiar, Holly McGowan and Augie Ramos. Pam Meriam, Director of Human Services for the Town of Nantucket was also present. Members of the public attending included Janis Carreiro, Randy Winger and Peter Morrison. Mary Wawro recorded the meeting.

- II. The quorum was established, the agenda was approved and Mary welcomed Annie Menz to her first Council meeting.
- III. The Agenda was approved as presented.
- IV. On a motion made by Margaretta Andrews and seconded by Joe Aguiar, minutes from the following meetings were approved: September 19, 2011, October 17, 2011, December 12, 2011 and March 26, 2012. Pam Meriam will post these approved minutes on the Town website. Minutes from the September 26, 2012 meeting were not distributed to all members prior to this meeting, and will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
- V. Public comment was deferred to later in the meeting to allow Janis Carreiro to report on the Cape & Islands Regional Network to end homelessness. The Department of Human Services budget pays for Janis to attend these monthly meetings. Janis reported that at the September meeting, an Emergency Solutions grant was announced which will be administered by the Housing Authority of Cape Cod (HAC) to train individuals on how to best refer potential recipients who might qualify for the grant. HAC is willing to send someone to Nantucket to provide this training – the Council was very supportive of this program
- VI. After discussion and on a motion made by Margaretta Andrews and seconded by Jenny Garneau, it was unanimously voted to leave in place the language in Chapter 12 of the Town's By-Laws which sets term limits for council members at two consecutive three-year terms. If no such language exists, the Council voted to include it in the By-Laws. Secondly, after discussion and on a motion made by John Belash and seconded by Holly McGowan, it was unanimously

voted to make the following underlined changes to Section 12-5 Contract Review Committee - The Contract Review Subcommittee shall consist of seven Nantucket residents. At the beginning of each fiscal year, two members of the Contract Review Subcommittee shall be appointed by and shall be members of the Council for Human Services; one member shall be appointed by and be a member of the Finance Committee; one member shall be appointed by and be a members of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission; one member shall be appointed by and may be a member of the Board of Selectmen or may be any other resident of the Town designated by the Board of Selectmen. Further, on a motion made by John Belash and seconded by Joe Aguiar, it was unanimously voted that the next section of the above-referenced section of the By-Laws be changed to add the following sentence: Any at large member may also be a member of the Council for Human Services.

- VII. Jenny Garneau reported on the proposed Needs Assessment update, noting that apparently the survey instrument that was discussed last month that is being developed by the Barnstable Department of Human Services is going to be limited to areas of mental health access. The Council agreed that there would still be interest on our part in participating in their survey, but most likely we would broaden our project going forward to include all areas of human services. Peter Morrison shared some information with the Council that he had found relative to community needs assessments, examples of survey tools, etc. Margaretta Andrews offered to share with Peter some of the draft questionnaires developed two years ago by a committee around the Human Services Initiative. After some discussion, the Council agreed to schedule a special meeting to discuss this topic only and decide whether the Council should spearhead a community-wide needs assessment. That meeting will be held on November 6th at 12:30.
- VIII. Under other business, Joe Aguiar requested that all materials for upcoming meetings be sent out well in advance of the meeting to allow adequate preparation. Augie Ramos also noted that he had heard that Nantucket Veterans were having a difficult time accessing health care on the Island.
- IX. There being no further business, on a motion made by Margaretta Andrews and seconded by Holy McGowan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaretta Andrews, Secretary