

<p style="text-align:center">CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE Meeting of December 11, 2013</p>

Minutes of the meeting of: The meeting took place at 2:00 at 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554.

Members Present:, Mary Wawro, Augie Ramos, Christy Kickham, John Belash and Linda Williams, Holly McGowan

Staff Present: Ann Medina

Members of the Public: none

I. Called to Order: meeting called to order at 3:10

II. Quorum: a quorum was established

III. Approval of Agenda: the agenda was unanimously approved

IV. Public Comment: none

V. Action and Discussion: Interview agencies requesting funds: Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Family & Children's Services, IFC Rental Assistance Program, IFC Emergency Food Pantry

Meeting was called to order at 2:05. Mary explained to each applicant that the committee would be following the same format as in previous years; each agency would make a brief presentation and then the committee would ask questions. The CRC would then make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Holly came in at 2:10

Martha's Vineyard Community Services Kathi Hackett \$12,000

The funds from the town would be used to support staff and their travel to and from Nantucket, transportation for families, (that have a family member with developmental disabilities), to and from off island doctor's appointments, staff training, and technology support.

This is the twenty second year MVY Community Services' have been available on Nantucket. MVY has partnered with Autism Speaks and the STAR program on Nantucket; the STAR program is having a parent holiday event where parents can drop off their family member and socialize with other parents.

Kathi has met with Kim Horyn of Autism Speaks and they are looking at doing a sessions on social and employment skills, how to dress for work, and appropriate conversations in the workplace.

The legislature has approved funds for family support center for a person here on Nantucket who would work for MVY but lives on Nantucket to help with respite events and the Boys & Girls Club activities. This is seed money but we can ask for more so that instead of 16 hours a month it would be 25 hours. The 16 hours would be in place till the end of June. This would be extra hands to help Kathi and her community partners here on Nantucket; this could be a parent already using the services. Hoping to have them start in January 2014.

If this person were in place, would your position change? No, it would be in addition to, MVY would like to expand on services; there would be no cutting back on Kathi's hours. There are four applications pending for services and a number of families that would be eligible but for whatever reason have not asked for services.

Linda W. arrived at 2:36

Family & Children's Services Peter Swenson \$110,000

The funds from the town would be used to offset the costs of services for folks who do not have adequate health insurance or none at all.

Family & Children's Services (FCS) provides mental health and addiction services that includes outpatient counseling, addictions services, emergency mental health crisis response and in home family based services. Working with children in the home we can see if there are problems with the parent's and child.

FCS can now track and monitor in a precise way how many different actions have happened with an individual, they can track that a session took place, each time they encounter an individual 4 other things can also be seen. They can track things much more clearly, see what the costs are, see what services are provided the most, where the greatest demands are. Follow what is going on and where to utilize more accurately. Can that data be tuned into a report? He can get accurate information of the services provided and actively used.

Is there a child psychiatrist on staff? There is a child psychiatrist that comes from the Vineyard 20 hours a month, he is great, and it would be good if you would like to meet him. Is 20 hours enough time? No, we would like to get him more.

Interfaith Council Rental Assistance Program (NRAP) Janis Carreiro Rev. Georgia Ann Snell, Terry Anne Vigil \$35,000

The funds from the two will be used for one staff member to operate the rental assistance program and the fuel assistance program.

The rental assistance program provides temporary rental assistance to folks who for some reason are unable to pay their rent; they may have an illness and are unable to work at the time, there is an unplanned move, they have to leave their current residence in 30 days or less, or any other financial set back, NRAP will step up. In order to qualify, a person must have lived on the island two years year round, show employability, that they will be able to continue to pay the rent. A person can get up to \$4,000; not everyone will get that amount. If someone is here less than 2 years where do you send them? It depends, if they have family here and they have a job the Board can make an exception

Fuel assistance: Last year 2012/2013 was the first year that Janis did fuel assistance, this year (2013/2014) she has done 25 applications so far, and the heating season is just beginning.

NRAP also receives funds from CPC, are you able to make it through the fiscal year with funds? Yes, with that and other grants we do make it.

Interfaith Council Emergency Food Pantry Andy Reis, Terry Anne Vigil \$40,000

The funds from the town will be used for the operation of the food pantry.

The food pantry provides food to individuals and families that are struggling to feed themselves. The food pantry relies on grants, gifts, fundraisers and the Boston Food Bank. The food pantry had served 10% of the population in 2010, 2011, and 2012. In 2013 it dropped a bit to 9% but there are still a lot of people being served. They are trying to

provide more fresh fruits and vegetables, and more sugar free jelly and canned fruit. There have been 948 clients so far in 2013 unduplicated which 36% were children.

With as much outreach as they do, there are still some folks that will not use the pantry. One more thing Andy wanted to mention, he is not equipped to take food donations at the food pantry there are five drop off locations for food donations: the Stop & Shop, Nantucket Cottage Hospital, Saint Mary's Church, Summer Street Church and The Congregational Church.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Medina