

Seekonk Human Services
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2011 @ 3:30pm

Attendance:

Vicki Kinniburgh, Lynn Neves, Chris Allen, Rene Andrews, Anne Libby, Anita Gendron, Edith Krekorian, Director Bernie Huck

1. MOTION: Motion to open meeting at 3:35pm by Vicki
 - SECOND: Motion second by Chris
 - VOTE: Unanimous
2. Approve minutes from March 28, 2011
 - MOTION: Motion to approve minutes by Rene
 - SECOND: Motion second by Lynn
 - VOTE: Unanimous
3. Old Business
 - Evaluation of Department Head
 - Anne needs Bernie's old evaluation from previous time
 - Anne wants original and to rewrite new one
 - Edith says all old info. Is in the basement of town hall, ask Town Clerk to retrieve old one
 - Rene, Anne, and Anita will meet with Bernie to go over original evaluation
 - Building Committee Report
 - Vicki invites Dave and Jim up
 - Jim speaks of the new building
 - Roof is being worked on to become more affordable
 - Concerns from ZBA about looks within the neighborhood
 - Can add to make look colonial but will cost money
 - Low pitch roof for less wasted space for lower cost
 - John Hansen contacted Jim to work with another committee
 - Partner with other facilities to use new building to make cost less
 - Join forces
 - Size of building is a concern
 - Current: 7,558sq. ft.
 - New Building: 9,200sq. ft.
 - Veterans agent & Nurses take out of new building, the new building is 650sq.ft bigger than current building
 - Bells and whistles are the energy technology
 - Edith asked if it can be added onto, Jim says yes, anything is possible
 - Vicki breaks up discussion, information purpose only
 - Animal shelter will have their own area to do what they need

- Chris asks about septic system, does not include town septic
- Parking will be over septic
- Building committee meeting Monday, May 2 at 6pm
- New Outreach Worker
 - Adriana DosSantos
 - Started a week earlier
 - Vicki welcomes Adriana
 - Chris asks her credentials
 - Degree in Sociology and Spanish
 - Started in Cambridge for the State of MA
 - Spanish teacher for 3 years
 - Arlington County as a Social Service Worker for 16 years
 - Returned home after years of being away
 - Worked in different areas of Social Services
 - Can speak English, Portuguese/Spanish, and Cape Verde
 - Can write in Portuguese and Spanish
 - Edith announced all Human Services information is in the Town Hall basement

4. New Business

- Strategic Plan page 4, 5, & 6
 - Artery disease testing in June
 - Sight screenings – done
 - Health insurance – shine certification – done
 - Flu Shot Clinic – BOH
 - Health and wellness goals met
- Transportation
 - Increase use of public transportation – Providence
 - GATRA does few services
 - Increasing GATRA services to partners with Rhode Island
 - Long distance transportation – Lady Clinic has been helping
 - **MOTION:** Motion to change Lady Clinic to Lahey Clinic by Rene
 - **SECOND:** Motion second by Anne
 - **VOTE:** Unanimous
- Outreach
 - Maintaining housing and fuel – done
 - Applications – done
 - Assisting with health insurance – done
 - Bernie just filled out a grant for minor home repairs
 - Contract with vendors for minor home repairs
 - Add W.I.C for applications but need space and confidentiality
 - Report all abuses – Accomplished
 - Contact H.S. for problems noticed

- Newsletters (60 years and older)
 - Edith suggested e-mailing newsletters
 - Own website
 - Edith would like H.S. to add newsletter to library website
 - Develop a data base of seniors
 - Volunteer is inputting client information
 - Chris adds senior program with Sherriff department
 - Develop service help
 - Updated at Town Hall, Library and Human Services
 - Start with Recreation & Social next meeting
5. Directors Report
- New trips, 50% down
 - Why are trips being cancelled? Article
 - Anne would like to know departure times and location for Nantucket
 - October Trip: Patriots Stadium on Columbus Day
 - Rene wants to know about walking for trips
 - Talk to Rene about verbiage for brochure
 - Foxwoods Trip \$20 for a \$30 package
 - Mohegan Sun trip for the future
 - Chris thinks a foliage trip and cranberry tour
 - Vicki says the train ride for the cranberry tour is not as exciting, Chris says the factory is better
 - Silver Tea is almost filled up 100 seats
 - Men's Luncheon June 8th
 - May 25th TRIAD Topiary Arrangements, a pot roast dinner with veggies and mashed potatoes
 - Friends of Friends and other organizations spent \$14,000 on utilities
 - Silver Tea Transportation asked by Rene
 - Nancy Rodrigues granddaughters passing
6. Next Meeting is Monday June 6, 2011 @ 3:30pm
7. MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 4:40 by Anne
- SECOND: Motion second by Rene
 - VOTE: Unanimous