

Seekonk Human Services Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 28, 2011

1. MOTION: Motion to open meeting at 3:34pm by Vicki
 - SECOND: Motion second by Chris Allen.
 - VOTE: Unanimous
2. Approve Minutes from February 28, 2011
 - MOTION: Motion to approve minutes from February 28, 2011 by Anne Libby
 - SECOND: Motion second by Chris Allen.
 - VOTE: Unanimous
3. Old Business
 - Vicki thanks Josephine Veader for her years of service.
 - Vicki asks Ashley to write a letter of thanks to Josephine.
 - Letter of thanks to Phyllis
 - Confidentiality policy
4. New Business
 - Progress of interviews for Social Worker
 - Interviews by Vicki, Chris, Bernie, and Michael Carroll.
 - Narrowed down to 2 possibilities. One candidate has the best qualifications.
 - Bernie: Shine certification in May
 - Chris: Stated references are being check for both possible candidates
 - Edith requested for finances of new social worker
 - Vicki introduces Senior Secretary Ashley Pimental
 - Chris: stated Ashley's credentials
 - Evaluation of Department Head
 - Bernie's Evaluation
 - Edith suggested Bernie performs her own
 - Creating space in office
 - Bernie removed a desk from outreach
 - White noise machine to help distractions
 - Privacy for confidentiality
 - Anne is curious what to do in the future of Nancy. Vicki stated they will discuss the future when it happens.
 - Edith: Questions where clients wait.
 - Bernie: States in the hallway for now
 - Strategic Plan ó Page 4 for discussion
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Facilities

- Need to address the whole population by Chris
- Bernie states that funding through grants for senior citizens
- Edith states that seniors are first and the younger generation is second
- Bernie talks about YMCA for funding for the gym to be used
- Facility, privacy, confidentiality and accessibility
- Chris withdraws her objection of the facilities under goals and objections
- Facilities suites what Seekonk Human Services is in need of
- Advocacy: Question, is it worded effectively?
 - Add public television by Edith
 - Eliminate phone calls by Chris
 - Touch base with local media
 - Put public television and local media instead of two separate needs
- Volunteer's reorganization. R.S.V.P and Sturdy Memorial Hospital
- Clipper is fine
- Public housing availability
 - Seniors are losing homes due to foreclosures
 - Federal government funds housing
 - Seekonk Commons is full and never available
 - Affordable housing
 - Bernie will talk to John Hansen about housing
- Cost of living increase
- Health care needs
- Educate
 - Educate the community about the needs
 - Bernie is doing a show twice a month
- Start with Health and Wellness next meeting. Also, page 5 should be prepared for discussion.

5. Department Head Report

- Fuel assistance: Over \$14,000 in the year
- Friends of Friends helped a client for \$40 for propane gas for
- Fuel assistance went from \$200 in October 2, 2010 and now it is over \$300
- No tax money is being used for the funding
- Salvation Army and United Way also assist
- Spending Money Policy is being implemented
 - A family may received more than one fund
- No names are to be out to anyone
- Town hall should not see any names

- Employee check list for files of all employees
 - Trip: Fenway Park
 - Easter Party: Bonnets
 - Silver Tea: Greg Curtis \$15 for under the age of 75
 - TRIAD: Reverse Mortgage
 - Cardiac Care
 - Trips over school vacations
6. Public Speaks
- Francis Cavaco
 - Add 100 gallons for fuel by outreach
 - Outside of more assistance by directors
 - Volunteer hours do not add up correctly
 - Meals on wheels will be representing with Francis and Karen
 - Francis is trying to get 60 bags for the Brown Bag program
 - Francis is attending a meeting on May 1st at Seekonk Commons
 - Francis will mention talent bank form for Board of Directors on Wednesday March 30, 2011
 - All new appointments must be applied and reappointed
 - Trash fees and trash bags are asked to be raised
7. Next Meeting
- April 25, 2011 at 3:30pm
8. Meeting adjourned
- MOTION: Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:53 by Anne Libby
 - SECOND: Motion second by Chris Allen
 - VOTE: Unanimous