

**Town of Barnstable  
Human Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2014**

**Names in BOLD indicate action items.**

**Present:**

Scott Fitzgerald (chair), Charlie Hetzel, Heidi Nelson, Roy Richardson, Paul Thompson (members), Jen Cullum

**Absent:**

Bill Doherty

**Guests:**

**Order**

The meeting came to order at 4:15 p.m.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2014**

The minutes of the September 9, 2014 were approved as written.

**Update on YMCA Initiative**

Jen reported that the project planning continues to proceed. She has applied for funding from the Cape Cod Foundation (was declined for one proposal), and has talked to the town about funding from town-related trusts. At the last Town Council meeting, Jen had asked town council members to approve a 'resolve' to endorse the project.

**Multi-Committee Educational Forum**

Scott and Jen met with the Youth Commission to discuss co-hosting a community-wide forum on substance abuse prevention with the Human Services Committee. The Youth Commission will be voting on the project. The event will be held next spring, tentatively at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. Members discussed possible formats for the forum, including time of day and inviting area agencies to set up tables to educate the participants about available services. Include a screening of the movie, What Happened Here? Patty at Gosnold has been a great resource. One idea is to have the forum for the students during the day, and the parents in the evening. We also talked about having our committee meeting during the forum, sort of an open meeting to invite students and family to participate. Another idea is to gather FAQs at the forum and help the youth identify resources to respond to the questions.

**New Business/Future Agenda Items**

Heidi will invite Beth Albert, Director of Human Services for Barnstable County to attend our November 18 meeting and inform us about the work of the Regional Substance Abuse Council.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Nelson  
Secretary, and CEO, Duffy Health Center