

**Town of Barnstable  
Human Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2015**

**Names in BOLD indicate action items.**

**Present:**

Charlie Hetzel, Scott Fitzgerald, Heidi Nelson (members), Stacie Peugh (membership applied for), Jen Cullum (Town Council Liaison)

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**Order:**

The meeting came to order at 4:20 p.m.

**Minutes:**

The Committee has not met since March. Minutes for the March and October meetings will be considered for approval at the November meeting of the Human Services Committee.

**Committee Membership and Recruitment:**

Scott made a motion that Mark Thompson, Paul Thomas and Roy Richardson be removed from committee membership with our thanks for their participation and contributions. Mark has resigned, Paul has not attended in more than one year, and Roy has relocated. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Scott** will follow-up with staff to make sure that these names are removed from membership on the town website. Scott also reported that Stacie Peugh has applied to become a member of the committee. Scott has also been recruiting Percy Ballah and Mark Boardley (Hyannis Youth & Community Center) to the committee.

**HSC Annual Report to the Town of Barnstable:**

**Scott** will include in his report to the Town that we accomplished:

- 1) Understanding electronic resources for town residents to access regarding substance abuse
- 2) Supporting the Youth Commission forum on drug abuse held in March for middle school students across the district
- 3) Supporting the expansion of the Youth Commission
- 4) Supporting the development of the Y Achievers program

The committee acknowledged that the last three items involving youth were spearheaded by Jen Cullum and the committee thanked her for her leadership on these initiatives.

### **Goals for FY2016:**

Scott hopes that in the coming year our committee will be more activist and vocal. The group identified two issue areas that need attention: continued focus on substance abuse, and addressing the issue of homelessness in downtown Hyannis. Heidi reported that Chief MacDonald highlights these as the two biggest issues facing the Town of Barnstable.

Heidi reported that the Regional Substance Abuse Council has created an Action Plan coming after the Assessment report that was released earlier this year. **Heidi** will distribute the Action Plan to committee members, and at our next meeting we will review the action plan items that can be implemented in Barnstable.

The committee discussed a possible role around the homelessness issue; Jen recommended that we wait until after elections and new Town Council leadership is in place, to make sure we are reflecting the goals of the Town Council going forward. We will revisit this issue in January.

### **Other Business**

Stacie provided a brief update on the Achievers Program. The program will start on October 27. Renee King has been hired as the program developer. She has visited other Achiever programs and consulted with the national YMCA. Currently Renee and Stacie are finalizing program partnerships by developing a Steering Committee, including representatives from the Town, Bridgewater State and Cape Cod Community College. There will be 18 members with Cheryl Bartlett from Cape Cod Healthcare as chair. Students are being identified in partnership with Barnstable High School.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, where we will review the Regional Substance Abuse Council's Action Plan. The following meeting will be on Tuesday, December 8, where Stacie will offer a report on the progress of the Achievers Program.

Our meetings will be scheduled for one hour, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Nelson, Duffy Health Center and Secretary to Committee