

**Town of Barnstable  
Human Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2015**

**Names in BOLD indicate action items.**

**Present:**

Charlie Hetzel, Scott Fitzgerald, Heidi Nelson (members), and Jen Cullum, town council liaison

**Absent:**

Roy Richardson, Paul Thompson

**Guests:**

Georgina Hetzel

**Order**

The meeting came to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approve Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2014**

The minutes of the November 18, 2014 were approved as written.

**Membership of the Committee**

There are two vacancies on the committee with the resignations of Bill Doherty (left the area) and Mark Thompson (resigned due to other commitments). **We brainstormed potential members and agreed to follow-up:**

- Paul Hebert or Beth Wade from CHAMP Homes
- Mark Boardly, Hyannis Youth and Community Center
- John Terry or a member of the Hyannis Federated Church
- Ask Elizabeth Wurfain for a volunteer from the BID businesses
- Council of Churches member
- Faith Assembly of God- Moira Bundchu or Ulysses
- Barnstable School District or school committee member- Martha Swindler

Scott was interviewed for Barnstable Today on the work of the committee. Perhaps this will generate interest in serving on the Committee. Scott agreed to have the application posted on our webpage and send the application to each of us electronically.

**Review of County Website**

Heidi will invite Beth Albert or representatives from her office for us to have a discussion at our March 10 meeting on youth substance abuse services and what are the remaining gaps. She will also invite Jack Reilly from Learn To Cope. **Heidi will send out the inventory of programs in advance of the meeting.**

**2015 Public Forum**

Planning is proceeding apace for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summit, March 19 and 20, 2015 at the HYCC. Thursday evening will feature programming for the parents, and a total of 240 kids will attend the Summit in two shifts- morning and afternoon. Brenda Conlin, The Improbable Players (self-esteem and role-playing), and Sam Tarplin (What Happened Here filmmaker) will be featured. There will be a focus on understanding diversity and making wise choices. Cheryl Bartlett of Cape Cod Healthcare will provide closing remarks on both days.

Committee members praised Jen for all the work she has done to organize the Summit. Charlie raised the issue of lack of 'wellness' focus in the school curriculum. Georgina reported that kids participate in a wellness class once per week, with yoga, reflection and meditation.

#### **Update on YMCA Initiative**

The Cape Cod Foundation declined the Y's application for the Achievers Program. Cheryl Bartlett may provide some seed funding from the Davenport/Kelley Foundation/Cape Cod Healthcare funds for prevention of substance abuse on Cape Cod. Cheryl is also promoting the use of a risk assessment tool for fifth graders.

#### **New Business/Future Agenda Items**

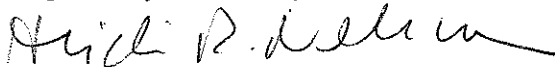
We had a lengthy discussion about prevention and wanting to learn more about models that work. Charlie expressed a hope that the Cape develop its own residential school for kids with Social-Emotional Disturbance. Jen said she advocated at the Mass Municipal Association conference for teaching prevention across the board- maybe Barnstable can be a model. Heidi again praised Jen for her work on the forum and the Achievers program and stated that the committee is at its best when member sees a need, develops an idea, and runs with it.

The group also expressed interest in Latham Homes and Scott agreed to do a future presentation.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Nelson  
Secretary, and CEO, Duffy Health Center