Falmouth Human Services Committee
Meeting Notes
January 8, 2019

Meeting commenced at 4:30 pm

Attendance:

- Members present: Kerin Delaney (Co-chair); Suzie Hauptmann; Ann-Beth Ostroff (Co-chair); Holly Wilson; Barbara Sullivan; Florence Davidson
- Members resigned: Tanya White; Elaine Sinni
- Guest: Mary Ellen Powers – St. Vincent DePaul Society/St. Elizabeth’s Church; Fran O’Keefe – St. Vincent DePaul Society/St. Anthony’s Church

Committee interest in local agencies:

- St. Vincent DePaul Society, Mary Ellen Powers – St. Elizabeth in North Falmouth and Fran O’Keefe – St. Anthony’s in East Falmouth discussed the organization and how they assist Falmouth residents in need of financial help. The Society is separate from the churches and does their own funding and fundraising. The organization has seen an increase in poverty over the last seven years, as well as, in the 22-45 age group due to car repairs; hospitalization due to illness and job loss; unstable housing; addiction. Much of their financial help goes to paying back rent, mortgages, utilities, car repairs. They work very closely with the Falmouth Service Center in helping Falmouth vulnerable residents.

Minutes:

- Kerin made a motion to accept the December minutes; Barbara seconded and Committee was all in favor for posting.

Director’s Report (Correspondence/FYI’s/Department Activities): Suzie Hauptmann, Director

- Department’s budget was presented to the Board of Selectmen with no questions, expected to be approved at April Town Meeting
- RFI – Request for Interest for Support Services $9,500 and $500 for Emergency Transportation will be ready to go week of January 11th
- Mark will be participating in the Homeless Point In Time Count on January 27th
- Suzie and the Human Services staff met with Elaine and Laura from Cape Abilities to discuss possible ways to collaborate on a life skills/social skills training/mentor group for early adult age Cape Abilities clients. Mark will be point person for possible pilot program.
- Diane is in the early stage of developing a “life role transition” workshop at the Senior Center
- The department has received a request from local parent for an anxiety group at the junior high level for boys; Mark is in early stage of developing
- New Vaping Group has formed to provide education and intervention in the community (Falmouth Human Services; School Department; Board of Health; Regional Substance Use Council)
- Informed of status of Hidden In Plain Sight mobile trailer
- Committee members Elaine Sinni and Tanya White have resigned from the Committee.
- Articles/Reports/Letters scanned and emailed for review prior to meeting:
  - Cape Cod Times – Falmouth group works to house homeless – January 2, 2019
  - Cape Cod Times – A sense of belonging in Falmouth – January 2, 2019
  - Cape Cod Times – Report: Cape Cod’s Head Start program in turmoil – Dec. 18, 2018
  - Falmouth Enterprise – Falmouth EDIC Supports Cape Cod Young Professionals – Dec. 15, 2018
  - Falmouth Human Services Department’s Request for Services for December Report
  - Independence House FY18 Annual Report
  - Cape Cod Times – Falmouth affordable housing project receives $650K boost – Nov. 29, 2018
  - CCYP letter of thanks for FY19 Town funding
Committee Member Reports:

- Kerin announced that the Falmouth Service Center Christmas Toy Distribution program was very successful (324 families were served totaling 636 children, 55 of which were from Mashpee this year)
- Kerin also informed members that Joe Ellia, Head Chef of Bear In Boots is being highlighted as Voice of Hunger through Project Bread and there is a YouTube video promoting him. Cape Cod Young Professionals is also highlighting him as to why he chose to stay on Cape speaking to the outmigration of young professionals.
- Holly announced that the Falmouth Housing Authority is holding a thank you reception this Thursday night from 6-8pm for the landlords of section 8 voucher tenants

Adjourned at 6pm. Ann-Beth made a motion to adjourn; Holly seconded and the Committee was all in favor.

Attachments:
1. January 8th Agenda
2. December 4th Minutes
3. Board of Health Meeting Agenda for January 12th

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 4:30pm Selectmen’s Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted by Susan Clondas