

Falmouth Human Services Committee

Remote Special Meeting Notes

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Call to Order at 4:37pm; Confirming Member Access; Introduction to Remote Meeting; Meeting Ground Rules

- Members Present: Kerin Delaney (Co-Chair), Larry Langer (Co-Chair), Deb Berglin, Sharon Sodekson, Barbara Sullivan, Suzie Hauptmann (Director), Susan Clondas (Admin)

Open Discussion on Outmigration RFPs received:

Falmouth Housing Trust -

- Impression that they are a large organization already getting large amounts of funding and Human Services funding would make little impact
- Agency is the only one addressing the crisis of much needed affordable housing needs of Falmouth residents, however, only 4 families will be impacted with the Human Services funds
- The funds could have a greater impact addressing other basic need goals of outmigration of working age adults during this time of COVID-19.
- Did not identify a sustainable plan for years 2 and 3 and funding strategy is more suited for Community Development grants at the state level.

Cape Cod Young Professionals –

- Committee has been satisfied with successful results on past grant, however, during this time of COVID-19 the Committee is looking for a program that would have the most direct impact
- Did not provide clear benchmarks or identified target; measurements of success are unclear as to impact of last 3-year grant cycle
- Doesn't show that this proposal is reaching a diversified group and has less impact on outmigration of young families who may still be moving off Cape for a more affordable cost of living

YMCA –

- Greater impact on many segments of population through addressing affordable subsidized child care but also professional development opportunities
- Increasing the number of children, they serve by 70 and adding 20 new jobs which correlates directly with basic human needs during this time of COVID-19.
- Sustainability plan includes creating certificate programs with Falmouth High School and Cape Cod Community College which address opportunities for advancement in future young workers
- Suzie Hauptmann will reach out to the YMCA on some clarifying questions they had pertaining to the \$15,000 in scholarships funds/marketing funds; if training for current and new staff would be done inhouse or with third party trainers contracted by YMCA; Current census for Falmouth based centers; and if they have a contingency plan if the schools go 100% remote

Recommendation – Deb Berglin made a motion to move forward with a recommendation to enter into contract with the YMCA; Barbara Sullivan seconded and the Committee was all in favor of this recommendation.

New Business – Member recruitment was discussed and Suzie Hauptmann shared process where Committee Chairs are allowed to make recommendations on potential appointments by the BOS

Adjourn: Larry Langer made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm; Barbara Sullivan seconded; Committee members were all in favor

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 4:30-6:00

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Clondas