

Falmouth Human Services Committee
Meeting Notes
January 7, 2020
Meeting commenced at 4:30pm

Attendance:

- Members present: Kerin Delaney (Chair); Barbara Sullivan; Suzie Hauptmann; Florence Davidson; Larry Langer; Deb Berglin
- Members absent: Sharon Sodekson

Minutes:

- Larry Langer made a motion to accept the October minutes; Barbara Sullivan seconded and Committee was all in favor for posting.

Homelessness Prevention and Outmigration Prevention RFP:

- Legal ads and press releases going out to Falmouth Enterprise and Cape Cod Times this week.
- Proposals due back by February 28th
- Committee to review at March's meeting
- New scope of services added to Homelessness Prevention: Housing Stabilization assistance for Falmouth residents over age 55 at risk of homelessness.
- New scope of services added to Outmigration Prevention: For the creation or expansion of subsidized child care, provided within the Town of Falmouth, for families whose income falls below 100% of the area median income

Census 2020 – Cape Cod Complete Count:

- Business card and posters out about job opportunities for the 2020 Census starting in April
- Discussed the need for accurate count for the Town of Falmouth and how tax funds are determined

Agencies/Organizations Communication:

- Alzheimer's Family Support Center of Cape Cod – invite to February meeting
- No Place for Hate – invite to March meeting
- Other interests include: YMCA; Senior Center; ASGCC; Barnstable County Human Services; Newcomers Club; Neighborhood Falmouth; Navigator Club

Discussion on FY20 goals/priorities:

- Long term plan for updating new Town Needs Assessment – collection of data to start in January 2020
- Committee could host round table discussions; community forum; make visits to key informants/stakeholders in the community
- Continue with agency presentations during monthly Committee meetings

- January 2020 new RFP's to go out for Outmigration and Homeless Prevention categories – evaluation will be done to see what needs should be added (i.e. homeless services specific to the 55+ age range)
- FY2021 when Substance Use and Mental Health RFP's are to go out it was suggested that vaping and mental health stigma be specific needs
- Identified goals:
 - Outreach – making community aware of available services of department through local agency and civic group presentations
 - Promotion – literature out to doctors and key stakeholders
 - Media – work with local media on getting information out to community
 - Develop stakeholder question and a list of participants to contact
 - Discussed mapping out a plan for next year's community needs profile
 - Develop community forums to gather input for needs/work with Barnstable County Human Services
 - Data collection – from reports that already exist
 - Community members could serve as liaison to other committees – bring and report back collaborative information where services could overlap
 - Determine action steps and create a calendar at next meeting

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

- Shared the sad news on Deborah McDonnell from HAC passing over the holiday break.
- Department co-hosted a webinar on recognizing and managing teen anxiety in early October – a good turn out and Elizabeth Rodgers and Mark Abbott are working on getting groups started at Lawrence School– identifying participants and registration is a challenge – working with Lawrence School guidance department on this.
- Current groups underway – Buried in Treasure, Life Role Transitions at COA, Women's Group at COA. Lawrence school groups pending registration. High School Girls DBT based girls group pending.
- ESN (Essential Services Network) still meeting regularly
- Inter-Department Hoarding team met and there have been a few very challenging cases of hoarding in past few months.
- Suzie Hauptmann continues to participate in the School Safety Committee this year and the PFA team with Joann Sykes – adjustment counselor at Morse Pond. Provided support during the Alice Presentations. Suzie Hauptmann, Elizabeth Rodgers and Alison McGrail attended a Suicide Postvention training hosted by Riverside Trauma Center. Suzie Hauptmann is having a follow up meeting with Superintendent, Director of Student Services and Director of Health and PE to discuss suicide prevention trainings and assessment.
- November Town Meeting – no change to committee yet in the Town Charter. Suzie Hauptmann will keep the committee updated if change to Charter is proposed again and invite Charter Review Committee representative to a meeting to explain
- WellStrong writing a SAMHSA grant to expand recovery support and coaching. Suzie Hauptmann wrote a letter of support.
- RSAC/RWG – beginning a new initiative to assess the recovery resources in the area – Resource Mapping. Falmouth Commission to be involved so as to better understand the needs and gaps for recovery supports.
- Census: Cape Cod Complete Count Committee: Suzie Hauptmann maintaining contact with County committee and will reach out to local stakeholders regarding their efforts to inform their sectors (ie. Chamber, school dept, media)
- Mark's Building – HVAC still pending
- Budget presentation to the BOS last night and will move on to Finance Committee. Mid way in process, ahead of April Town Meeting. Suzie Hauptmann is requesting a total of 5.5 more clinical social worker hours to split amongst Mark Abbott, Elizabeth Rodgers and Diane Delauter to bring them all up to 37.5 hour work weeks.

FY20 Goals/priorities discussion:

- Kerin Delaney and Larry Langer will work on a recruitment letter that will be used to create a recruitment flyer
- Next meeting will discuss where/to whom to distribute the letter and flyer to

Committee Member reports/updates/discussion:

- Kerin Delaney reported that the Falmouth Service Center will be closed for renovations January 17th – January 28th, clients were notified

Adjourned at 5:30pm. Florence Davidson made a motion to adjourn; Barbara Sullivan seconded and the Committee was all in favor.

Attachments:

1. January 7th Agenda
2. October Minutes
3. FY21 Falmouth Human Services Department Proposed Budget
4. Human Services Committee FY20 Goals & Priorities sheet
5. 2020 Census jobs business card

Next meeting: February 4, 2020. 4:30-6pm, Selectmen's Meeting Room – Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by Susan Clondas