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HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
November 19, 2012

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Present: Phil Bunick, Chairperson, Wes Shorts, Judy Hany
Staff Liaisons: Marina Rodriguez, VSS and Alan Slobodien, VYS

Absent: Ginny Gingras, Bill Fox

1. The draft minutes of March 19, 2012 and October 15, 2012 were unanimously approved by the members present.

2. Communications/Correspondence - none

3. Updates

a. Commission membership

Continuation of search for residents interested in serving on the Commission; discussed possible ad in the Reminder News. Judy Hany is aware of an individual who might be interested and would make a good member.

b. Family placements / shelter overflow process

Marina spoke with managers at the designated hotels and confirmed that the process is still in effect.

c. Budget process

Alan met with Jim Luddecke who explained that there is nothing in the Charter or any ordinance that requires the funding process to be as it is. The paperwork that the agencies submit could be streamlined. There was discussion on being the "payee of last resort" which may work for certain services but not for others. Any proposed changes would be discussed with Administration and Mayor first.

Interviews: There was discussion in regards to making the agency interviews more efficient and effective. The Commission agreed to meet separately with HVCC because it's a large multi-faceted agency with the largest allocation. The Commissioners want to better understand its services and how the funding is used. Phil agreed o speak with Town Administration and David Engelson to try to arrange it.

Documentation: The Commission would like to get information from the agencies that is short and to the point. Alan said that Jim Luddecke will send a list of the basic financial information to ask of the agencies. Alan will forward it to Phil.

4. Discussion of funding issues

There was discussion regarding the request from NCRMHB in relation to the funding of advocacy vs direct services and whether there are other sources of funding that may be used for education and advocacy. Phil will speak with John Ward to get his thoughts on whether the Commission is the proper place for NCRMHB funding.

There being no other business, the Commission adjourned.

Submitted by
Marina Rodriguez