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HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

December 21, 2015

Commissioners Present: Teri Rogers, Michael Winkler, Bill Campbell, Karen Roy-Guglielmi

Commissioners Absent: Charita Alston, James Purnell

Staff Liasons Present: Michelle Hill, Christi McFatter

Public Present: Michael Tormey

Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting of 11/16/15 were approved

Communications and Correspondence:

-Correspondence to Tri-County ARC regarding lack of grant application

Human Services Budget:

Grant applications were received by 12/1 commissioners discussed which agencies they had already spoken to and from whom they wanted more information. The grant applications were reviewed and various questions were raised about the information included on the applications. It was proposed that emails be sent to agencies to ask for clarification so that commission members could better understand and explain the material provided. The commission also wanted to schedule meetings with agency representatives at the next meeting.

Other Business:

The Commission currently has 6 members and members were unsure how many vacancies currently exist. Michael Tormey is interested in joining the Commission and would possibly fill the last vacancy. Staff will follow up on the correct number of commissioners. The Commission is in the process of setting the schedule for 2016 meeting dates and will submit the final list to the Town Clerk.

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HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

January 9th, 2016

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Commissioners Present: Karen Roy-Guglielmi, Teri Rogers, Bill Campbell, Michael Winkler, Charita Alston

Commissioners Absent: James Purnell

Staff Liasons Present: Michelle Hill, Christi McFatter

Approval of Minutes: Special meeting of 12/21/15 minutes-postponed

Other Business: Todd Rose, CEO of Visiting Nurse & Health Services, presented an overview of his agency to the Commission. He spoke of the difficulties presented by current and future trends of insurance reimbursement for services. Medicare currently provides the bulk of their insurance payments but will be using a different process in the future. He also spoke about the amount of charitable care the agency provides, as well as their homecare agency which is more profitable.

Communications and Correspondence: Grantees were asked after last meeting to provide more information on their results based accountability data. The agency responses were reviewed by council members.

Human Services Budget 2016-2017: Council members reviewed requests for funding and how they aligned with past budgets and requests. It was noted that agencies consistently request more funding that they are awarded by the Town. In addition, during the application process Cornerstone inquired about asking for funding for the non-shelter services they provide. There were also questions raised about the status of Tri Town Shelter funding but their director was unavailable to meet. He will be invited to attend the next meeting in February. As Hockanum Valley School Readiness did not submit a request this year it was proposed that some of the \$4000 they had been granted in the past be reallocated to other agencies, in order to increase individual allocations while still decreasing the overall budget from last years' total. The commission voted to grant the Exchange Club \$6000, Cornerstone \$3000, and all other agencies the same as in 2015-2016, leaving \$1000 unspent from last year's budget. Karen, Teri, Michael and Charita all voted in favor, Bill voted against the recommendations. The recommendations will be provided to the Mayor as voted.

Submitted by Christi McFatter, 