

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 20, 2015

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Commissioners Present: Karen Roy Guglielmi, Terilyn Rogers, Bill Campbell

Commissioners Absent: James Purnell, Michael Winkler, Charita Alston

Staff Liaisons Present: Marina Rodriguez, VSS

Approval of Minutes

Special meetings of 10/20/14, 11/17/14, 1/29/15 and 1/31/15 and regular meeting of 3/16/15 were approved unanimously

Correspondence & Communications

Human Services Budget Book insert for Community Child Guidance Clinic 990 Form (tab 1)

Update on Human Services Budget

- Commission felt that it was a good Council Budget Hearing; Council members were better informed with the RBA data in their packets; next year, ask to have the Human Service agency budgets first on the agenda (before Town Departments) as a courtesy to agency representatives who are guests.
- The legal notice for the Annual Town Meeting on the Proposed Budget on 4/28 was distributed; no referendum this year.
- The Commission agreed to consider visiting the agencies or asking agencies to make presentations to Town Council during the off-budget months; mainly the three agencies that receive the highest amounts of funding; agency to go through Mayor/Administration to have Council presentation on the Council agenda.
- Commission agreed to follow-up with Finance on moving the Human Services budget process to September - November; start by sending grant application packets to agencies in September.
- Discussion on how an organization would request Town of Vernon Human Service funding; agreed that organizations should be directed to the Commission first.

Other Business

- Tri Town Shelter reports that it is losing funding from the State Department of Housing next fiscal year (starting July 2015); its Board of Directors is working on strategies to sustain the shelter
- News about MACC shelter planning to close due to required changes to its admission guidelines
- Concern was expressed about decreases in shelter services having a negative impact on those shelters that remain open; the remaining shelters will have to meet a greater demand with the same limited resources

Next regular meeting: Monday, May 18, 2015

Submitted by

Marina Rodriguez