

## Falmouth Human Services Committee

### Meeting Notes November 7, 2017

*Meeting commenced at 4:30pm*

#### **Attendance:**

- Members present: Barbara Sullivan (Co-Chair); Jessica Lambert; Suzie Hauptmann; Anne Connolly; Elaine Sinni; Tanya White (Co-Chair); Stephen Gates
- Members absent: Alexander Ziss; Florence Davidson

#### **Minutes:**

- Jessica made a motion to approve the October minutes. Stephen seconded, and the rest of the Committee was all in favor of approving minutes for posting.

#### **Director's Report (Correspondence/FYI's):**

- **FYI's:**
  - Request for Services- Increase in Housing related calls
  - The Enterprise printed an article regarding the upcoming RFP's (per reporter's attendance at last HSC mtg) and offered to print an update/reminder article in January once it is officially announced.
  - Thank you to Elaine and Sunny – Emergency Preparedness Fair volunteers
  - Suzie has a meeting scheduled to meet with Cape Cod Young Professionals and Chamber of Commerce to discuss their current contract
- **Department Activities:**
  - Submitted the budget 1.4% increase
  - New Clinical Social worker position – imminent
  - Essential Services Network – Mark Abbott
    - Reprint of cards came in and starting to redistribute
  - Police outreach – Mark Abbott
    - Last week 5 mental health outreach visits were made with the police
    - Outreach was within the month of original Police call
    - Police and hospital ER reported a high number of mental health calls, section 12 etc. in the month of October
  - RSAC/My Choice Matters Campaign – Suzie
    - Sharing the prevention poster with departments. Working with other departments on increasing visibility and awareness of the campaign
    - Parent Summit
    - PSA – sharing it with FCTV
    - Death Certificate analysis report/Straight to Work demographic will be emailed to Committee members
  - Partnering with Falmouth Public Schools for some parent events over the school year on Teen depression, eating disorders, bullying, substance use/misuse

#### **Membership:**

- Kerin Delaney from the Falmouth Service Center will be putting in her application to the Board of Selectmen and will begin to attend meetings.

**Request for Proposals:**

- Next RFPs going out in January are Mental Health and Substance Abuse categories
- Committee by consensus vote wants to add in a requirement of a mid-year in person report from awardees
- Committee agrees to include language to allow for applications from non-profits that currently may have programs or services in Falmouth but demonstrate that the current level of programs and services is unable to meet the needs of the Falmouth Community.
- Jessica suggested moving the “scope of service” section to the front page of the RFP and adding in request for more quantitative data on outcome measures
- Discussed adding a need category relevant to harm reduction and changing name of category to “substance misuse”
- Committee members will bring a list potential interested agencies to the December meeting and Suzie will check with town council on procurement laws.
- Suzie will look into scheduling a date in January for a technical assistance forum on the RFPs being released

**Meeting adjourned at 6 pm:** Barbara made a motion to adjourn, Elaine seconded and Committee was all in favor.

**Attachments:**

1. November 7th Agenda
2. October 18th Minutes
3. Request for Proposals/DRAFT Mental Health
4. Request for Proposals/DRAFT Substance Misuse
5. FACT SHEET: Regional Substance Use Council (RSAC)

**Next meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 4:30pm Selectmen’s Meeting Room**

Respectfully submitted by Susan Clondas