Human Services Committee Meeting - June 6, 2023 - Bourne Veteran's Community Center

Members present: Debora Oliviere, Co-Chair, Christopher Powers, Co-Chair, Theodore Economides (Police Rep), Meghan McWilliams (MAL), Leona Bombaci (MAL)

Excused:

Kara Garcia (Housing Rep) Haiden Powers

Absent:

Kelly Riley (MAL) and Kristin Donahue (School Rep)

Meeting came to order at 4:10 pm

**Public Comment: None** 

A vote to accept the minutes from the October and March meetings.

A motion was made by Meghan to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Ted. The vote was unanimous to approve.

A motion to nominate Deb Oliviere and Christopher Powers to continue as co-chairs and seconded by Meghan. The vote was unanimous by all members.

Discussion of how the Human Service Grant Program was approved at May 1, 2023 Town meeting. Notifications were sent to all former applicants, and published in the Barnstable County Health and Human Services email blast, The Town of Bourn Website, and will be published in COA July/August newsletter. Applications will be accepted until July 21, 2023. Leona asked how an organization could apply as the Bourne Youth Council has been re-established and I told her to have them contact me.

Discussion on the Human Services Resource guide. We have called everyone in the book to update the information and decided there were so many changes in that we would reprint for FY 24. Ted suggested we change the cover color to orange to distinguish from the previous edition and all members agreed. Ted suggested we add the Massachusetts Behavior Health Help line and Bay Cove information. Leona suggested we add the National Suicide Crisis Lifeline 988 and Bourne Youth Council. Chris suggested we add another local organization Kind Hearts for Kids and will have a table at their summer event this year. I asked that they all bring any information or changes that they would like added to the book by our October meeting.

Discussion and handout of meeting schedule for this year and next. Chris suggested we add this to the next packet.

Schedule next meeting: Tuesday, August 8 and stressed the importance of everyone attending as we will vote on the grant distributions at this meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Meghan and seconded by Christopher at 4:31 pm.

Respectively submitted,

**Debora Oliviere** 

**HS Committee Co-Chair**