

Social Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

3/3/2020



Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:00pm on 3/3/2020 at the Sunrise Senior Center by Olivia Coleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Harvey Soufrine present
Sharon Baron present
Abdul Basit present

Myrurgia Pichardo present
Olivia Coleman present
Andre Hudon absent

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February meeting were approved with one correction. Motion by Andre Hudon, Second by Harvey Soufrine.

Open Discussion

Kathy introduced Clare Pocknee, Community Paramedic for the City of Sunrise Fire Department. Clare helps vulnerable residents with a variety of services. Her role is to alleviate issues to reduce the amount of repeated calls to 911 and repeat hospital visits. There are only two cities in South Florida that have Community Paramedics, Sunrise and Coral Springs.

Presentation

Kathleen Phillips from the Guardianship of South Florida came to speak about the not for profit organization and the services that they offer. Guardianship is for people who are unable to manage their affairs and/or need protection for their assets. Kathleen and her staff try to find a family member to be the guardian. If there is no family member that qualifies to be the guardian, Kathleen can take guardianship. If the person has assets, guardian will get paid through the court. If the person does not have assets, the organization provides the service pro-bono. A guardian can make medical decisions, manage bills and assets and prevent the person from being taken advantage of. The average age of the people Kathleen helps is about 70-80 years of age. If a person believes that someone they know is in need of guardianship, Kathleen will come out and do an assessment free of charge.

New Business

Kathy Osborn gave the monthly Social Services numbers for the month of February:

67 clients met with
8 families visited the food pantry
9 applications for medical transportation were approved
3 fee waivers were approved

Kathy gave information about the following upcoming programs:

Luck of the Irish Dinner Dance
Sunrise Loves Our Seniors Dinner Dance
World Health Day

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00pm.

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