

Social Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

8/2/2022



Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:05pm on 8/2/2022 at the Sunrise Senior Center.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Sharon Baron-Present
Abdul Basit-Present
Olivia Coleman-Present
Nadine Gedon-Absent

Justin Wells-Absent
Karla Sobenes Desme-No longer on board
Harvey Soufrine-Present

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 2022 meeting were approved.

Open Discussion

No open discussion.

Presentation

Joan Dominguez, Prevention Specialist from Women in Distress came to talk about the different services offered from her organization as well as the types of programs and work that they do. Women in Distress is a domestic violence agency in Broward County offered to not just women but to anyone seeking advocacy in the community, even including pets. This organization is completely free to residents of Broward County. Their mission is to stop domestic violence through intervention, education, and advocacy. These are the three pillars that drive them into all of the services that they provide. Their goal is to create a safer future for everyone. Women in Distress is the only Nationally accredited state certified full service domestic violence center in Broward County and the largest domestic violence center in all of Florida. From July 2021-June 2022 they have served about 3,000 women, children, and men in all of their advocacy programs. Some of the services they provide include a 24 hour service hotline, outreach services, education and prevention services, residential shelters, pet shelters, an injunction for protection program, and economic empowerment services.

New Business

Kathy Osborn reported Social Services numbers for the month of July:

Fee waivers: 48 approved, 4 not approved

Medical Transportation: 3

Food Pantry: 13

Total Contacts: 133

EAF: 1 Water bill paid

Sharon Baron spoke about the Volunteer Appreciation event and how great it was.

Harvey Soufrine sought advice on a potentially dangerous situation with a neighbor.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45pm. Next meeting will take place on September 6, 2022 at 4:00pm.

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