

Social Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

11/1/2022



Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:02pm on 11/1/2022 at the Sunrise Senior Center.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Nadine Gedon-Present
Justin Wells-Absent Excused
Harvey Soufrine-Present

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 2022 meeting were approved.

Open Discussion

No open discussion.

Presentation

Gail Norton Gainotti who is the Social Worker for the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) was hired by Edith Lederberg for the ADRC 30 years ago. When she started off, the goal was to develop a program to help our most vulnerable population, senior citizens. With only 6 months' worth of money to start off with, Gail built an entire advocacy resource program for not only seniors but later on for the disabled ages 18+ and the mentally ill ages 18+ as well. It originally started off as a private program to help the abused, neglected, and exploitation of the elderly and to train care givers on how to properly take care of their clients. Often times people get discouraged or exploited when trying to seek help for different resources. The ADRC program is a safe place for not only the Seniors in the community to find helpful resources, but for the disabled and the mentally ill as well. Gail was also a nurse and she would see things in nursing homes that would bring her to tears. Things such as mistreatment from the employees and lack of humanity and empathy for our elderly community. Her mind was blown by some of the things she was seeing so she really wanted to do something to change the system. Edith who hired Gail said to her 30 years ago, "If you can show me that there is a need for you in the community then I will get you more money" and the rest is history.

New Business

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

Fee waivers: 3

Medical Transportation: 12

Food Pantry: 15 families

Total Contacts: 90

EAF: 0

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:05pm. Next meeting will take place on December 6, 2022 at 4:00pm.

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