

Social Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

2/7/2023



Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:00pm on 2/7/2023 at the Sunrise Senior Center.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Sharon Baron- Present

Abdul Basit- Present

Olivia Coleman- Absent Excused

Patricia Louis-Mills- Present

Harvey Soufrine- Present

Gisel Suarez- Present

Justin Wells- Present

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from meeting were approved.

Open Discussion

No open discussion.

Presentation

Seniors Helping Seniors was founded in 1998 by Kiran Yocom. Kiran's professional career has always been a matter of the heart who upon working in the United States became very disenchanted with how we treat our seniors. In 1998, Kiran started Seniors Helping Seniors as a non-profit organization, and in 2006 opened the business up to franchise opportunities with the expectation of spreading her mission broader. Today there are more than 120 franchise partners covering 200 territories throughout 34 states in the US and abroad; 16 of which are located in the State of Florida. Before coming to live in the United States in the mid-90's, Kiran had worked with Mother Teresa for 14 years. Diana M. Cabassi who was our speaker, is a Certified Senior Advisor and owner of the local office here in Southwest Broward since 2013. Their mission is to engage and empower active seniors to be advocates for less active seniors; who with a little support can maintain independent lifestyles in the comfort of their own homes for as long as possible with the respect and dignity, they deserve. They help in many ways such as; Relief for family members, companionship, transportation, light housekeeping, grocery shopping, cooking, doctor appointments, personal errands, overnight stays, 24-hour care, pet care and more!

New Business

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

Fee waivers: 22

Medical Transportation: 6 approved

Food Pantry: 11 Families

Total Contacts: 129

EAF: 0

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:02pm. Next meeting will take place on April 4, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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