

Social Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

5/2/2023



Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:02pm on 5/2/2023 at the Sunrise Senior Center.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Harvey Soufrine- Present
Gisel Suarez- Present
Justin Wells- Present
Patricia Louis-Mills- Present

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from meeting were approved.

Open Discussion

No open discussion.

Presentation by Rick Wolfer with United Way is the coordinator for Suicide Prevention and Wellness with United Way and a mental health advocate in Broward County. United way is a coalition designed to create programs and resources to help people who are struggling with mental health. They offer a many amazing programs and one that stood out is a program called LOST which stands for Local Outreach for Suicide Survivors. Dr. Phil Malone is the director of the LOST team and United Way is actually the funder for this program. United Way is a safe space and raises awareness to break the stigma. There are 12 leading top causes for death in our country and suicide is the second leading cause of death for adolescence. In Broward County alone in 2021 there were over 234 deaths by suicide.

New Business

Kathy Osborn reported Social Services numbers for the month of March
Fee waivers: 13
Medical Transportation: 4 approved
Food Pantry: 8 Families
Total Contacts: 78
EAF: 0

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:44pm. Next meeting will take place on June 6, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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