

# Social Services Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

### 6/6/2023



#### Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:05pm on 6/6/2023 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** Rafael Vazquez -Touchline Supervisor from 211 Broward. 211 Broward is a 24 hour information and referral service for Social and Human Services, Crisis Intervention, and basically facilitating help to any one with social service needs by simply dialing 211. When you dial 211 a counselor will answer the phone and direct you to the correct agency that fits your specific needs instead of just giving a bunch of different resources that may not even pertain to the persons situation. 211 Broward is also the main suicide hot-line in Broward County and they have also expanded their mental health programs across the board for teenagers, adolescents, young adults, and seniors. They have a text to talk program available which is great for young people who feel alone and they also have the Senior touchline Program which is a free service for people age 55+ who live alone and just need someone to talk to from time to time. The touchline program is a free phone call to break the pattern of isolation. It is a quick call over the phone with a human interaction voice so that seniors don't feel alone. 211 is an excellent resource for all of Broward County.

#### New Business

Kathy Osborn reported Social Services numbers for the month of June

Fee waivers: 42

Medical Transportation: 7 approved

Food Pantry: 7 Families

Total Contacts: 202

EAF: 0

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:44pm. Next meeting will take place on September 5, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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