

Social Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

8/1/2023



Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:05pm on 8/1/2023 at the Sunrise Senior Center.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Sharon Baron- Absent Excused
Abdul Basit- Present
Olivia Coleman- Present
Patricia Louis-Mills- Present

Harvey Soufrine- Present
Gisel Suarez- Present
Justin Wells- Absent Unexcused

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from meeting were approved.

Open Discussion

No open discussion.

Presentation by Debbie Perry – Director of Housing Services for Henderson Mental Health. Henderson offers an array of housing options designed to assist people in reaching their full potential. This includes community-based, licensed Residential Treatment Facilities which provide residential care in both group home and supervised apartment environments. Group homes have caring, family-like atmospheres where residents build skills, develop relationships and learn to manage symptoms. The supervised apartment program provides the opportunity to strengthen learned skills in a supportive environment before transitioning into permanent housing. Independent living can create a feeling of self-confidence and self-reliance. Henderson also offers other housing services such as Supportive Housing which aids in securing permanent affordable housing, Homeless Services, Safe Haven which is a homeless emergency shelter that provides housing and supportive services to individuals with behavioral health diagnosis, HHOPE Project which serves chronically homeless persons having a serious mental illness, and Chalet Apartments which is Broward's first Single Room Occupancy project.

New Business

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

Fee waivers: 30

Medical Transportation: 2

Food Pantry: 12 Families

Total Contacts: 172

EAF: 0

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40pm. Next meeting will take place on October 3, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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