

# Social Services Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

### 10/3/2023



#### Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:00pm on 10/3/2023 at the Sunrise Senior Center.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Sharon Baron- Present  
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** Samantha Kelly who is Vice President of Programs for Lighthouse of Broward for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The Lighthouse of Broward, located at 650 N Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is the preeminent resource for the visually impaired in Broward County, provides specialized rehabilitation, life skills training, and employment opportunities to enhance the independence, productivity, and dignity of children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Lighthouse of Broward, founded in 1973, is the only private, non-profit 501(c) (3) in Broward County that provides comprehensive educational and rehabilitation services and counseling to blind and visually impaired children and adults. Serving more than 2,500 persons each year, the Lighthouse is accredited by The Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER), is a United Way partner agency, and a member of the Florida Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, VisionServe Alliance, and the NonProfit Executive Alliance of Broward. For clients ages 19 and above, the Lighthouse offers comprehensive rehabilitation programs and services. Our certified instructors and case managers tailor our services to the needs and goals of each client, which may include a goal of higher education, employment, and/or increased independence. We offer training in the areas of daily living skills, mobility, technology, Braille, and more to support your goals. Lighthouse of Broward strives to meet the needs of each client and understands that each person learns at a different pace, and has personalized objectives to meet those needs. With this in mind, each client has input on what he or she wants to learn and instruction is tailored to each client.

#### New Business

Kathy Osborn reported Social Services numbers for the month of **September 2023**:

Fee waivers: 5  
Medical Transportation: 6 approved  
Food Pantry: 9 families  
Total Contacts: 88  
EAF: 0

Kathy Osborn reported Social Services numbers for the month of **October 2023**:

Fee waivers: 12  
Medical Transportation: 1 approved  
Food Pantry: 6 families  
Total Contacts: 112  
EAF: 0

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:42pm. Next meeting will take place on December 5, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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