

Social Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

11/7/2023



Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:01pm on 11/7/2023 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

Approval of Minutes Minutes from meeting were approved.

Open Discussion

No open discussion.

Presentation by: Cathy Albamonte community certified mortgage specialist with TRUIST bank. Cathy also brought her colleague along with her, Priscilla Diaz who is a Financial Wellness Leader here in Broward County. Cathy works with all of the first time home buyers in Broward and Palm Beach County. She also works with the down payment assistant programs within different cities, states, and counties. She teaches classes on first time home buying along with colleague Priscilla, who teaches classes in financial literacy. Cathy works hand in hand with different non-profit organizations to educate and teach the community about the first time home buyer programs offered and to see which programs would be a good fit for each individual. Some of the programs she offers is helping with budgeting, credit counseling, knowing what programs are available for them to access, and to teach people how to stay in their homes instead of losing them. She also works with programs such as rental assistance and section 8 housing with FSS.

New Business

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 4:35pm. Next meeting will take place on December 5, 2024 at 4:00pm.

Minutes prepared by: Christy Martino