

**City of Dunedin**  
**Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**MLK Center**  
**March 19, 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Suzanna Young, Vice Chair  
Tiffany Nozicka  
Bilal Habeeb-ullah

**Absent:** Dr. Avery Slyker, Chair excused  
Robert Larcom, Secretary excused  
Rev. Jason Knott  
Tobey Burwick (alternate)

**Staff:** Dr. Theresa Smalling, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management

1. **Call to Order** Vice Chair Young called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
2. **Approve of minutes from previous meeting** Tiffany Nozicka moved to approve the February minutes. Bilal Habeeb-ullah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Membership** Dr. Smalling reported that Armando Galella submitted his resignation from the committee today. She will request committee applications on file to send to committee members for review at the April meeting.
4. **Review City Requests** There were no city requests.
5. **Dunedin Adopt-A-Block** Vice Chair Young reported that Chair Slyker's presentation at the March 5<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting to request approval to start the Adopt-a-Block program was well received. The Commission formally approved startup of the program in Dunedin. Dr. Smalling noted that there is a written process for applying for funds which Chair Slyker will be following up on with staff from the Dream Center. .

Based on Chair Slyker's recommendation, Bilal Habeeb-ullah moved that the May 21<sup>st</sup> Committee meeting be replaced with an orientation for Adopt-a-Block volunteers in order to complete training during the summer for a start in September. The motion was seconded by Tiffany Nozicka and was passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Young reported on the Time Bank Program which she suggested might serve as a helpful adjunct to the Adopt-a Block program as it could be recommended for some individuals needing ongoing assistance with tasks such as lawn care or home maintenance projects. Managed in St Petersburg by volunteers, the program is encouraging Dunedin residents to participate. Individuals offer and request services through the Time Bank website, banking credits when they provide services which they can use to redeem services from other participants. Please see [www.stpete.timebanks.org](http://www.stpete.timebanks.org) for more information.

6. **Committee Annual Report to Commission.** The committee reviewed copies of the Social Services Annual Report prepared by Chair Slyker.
7. **Social Services Continuance Discussion** Tiffany Nozicka moved to use the annual report as an outline for presenting to the City Commission at its April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Bilal Habeeb-ullah and was passed unanimously. Chair Slyker is not available on that date to do the presentation. Dr. Stallings will contact Robert Larcom to ask if he can present. Suzanna Young offered to be backup if he is not available.

8. **Announcements** 1) Tiffany Nozicka reported that Food Stamp distribution was back on schedule after the federal shutdown caused delays and that the Governor visited the local Food Stamps office. 2) The Homeless Outreach Treatment (HOT) team will have its next outing March 21<sup>st</sup>. Starting at 6:30 am, the team will conduct VI-SPDATs, refer those with substance abuse issues for treatment, provide mental health triage screening, and identify those in need of veteran services.
9. **Citizen Comments** There were no citizen comments. .
10. **Adjournment** The agenda being completed, Vice Chair Suzanna Young adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanna Young