

City of Dunedin
Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes
MLK Center
September 17, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Avery Slyker, Chair
Suzanna Young, Vice Chair
Tiffany Nozicka, Secretary
Bilal Habeeb-ullah
Jason Knott
Sandra Sunter

Absent: Chantala Simmons
Kimberly Tucker (alternate)

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

Visitors: N/A

1. **Call to Order** Chair Slyker called the Social Service Committee (SSC) meeting to order at 5:34pm with quorum being met.
2. **Guest Speaker: Kinship Care** rescheduled for October 15th meeting
3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting** Vice Chair Young made a motion that the minutes from August be approved, Ms. Sunter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Review City Requests**
 - a. Dr. Smalling notified the SSC that preparations are being made for upcoming City Hall Complex construction. An informational pamphlet was provided containing information to the committee that Human Resources and Risk Management will be temporarily moving to the MLK Recreation Center located at 550 Laura Lane. The new city hall complex will be located at 737 Loudon Avenue with a projected completion date of Fall 2021. More details may be found at DunedinGov.com/OnTheMove.
 - b. Rebecca Schlichter, Dunedin City Clerk, will begin her new role October 2nd.
5. **New Member Review/Vote** to be discussed during the October 15th meeting
6. **Dunedin Adopt-A-Block**
 - a. Chair Slyker asked Dr. Smalling to reach out to code enforcement to finalize dates for a walking tour with the Dream Center to identify Dunedin's areas of need. Ideal locations would be near a park to allow Dunedin Care's mobile pantry enough space.
 - b. Ms. Sunter added that her meeting went well with Dunedin Cares. They are very organized and offer several services including social work and a food pantry.
 - c. Dr. Smalling confirmed the City approved The Florida Dream Center's request for funds and approved \$2,000.
 - d. Chair Slyker stated the target start date would be in January. More to come as we get closer. The SSC will reach out to local churches again to recruit volunteers.
7. **Social Service Resource Directory** Chair Slyker will send Vice Chair Young the SPC resource guide along with the Healthy Start Coalition directory. Ms. Young will then go through to assist the committee by combining Dunedin specific agencies on one list. Ms. Sunter added

the aging committee would be able to provide transportation specific resources as they recently held a transportation expo. The information will be available to review during the SSC October meeting.

8. **2020 Point in Time Count** Chair Slyker asked the group if they felt it important to hold a point in time count for Dunedin. Last year was the first time Dunedin was included in the point in time count with 6 homeless individuals counted. The group discussed better marketing ideas and sending a survey to local agencies dealing with the homeless to ensure we are getting a more accurate idea of Dunedin's homeless population. Ms. Sunter volunteered to draft survey questions. The SSC would use those questions to send a survey out to local churches, the hospital ER, libraries, community health center, Dunedin Cares, and any other organizations that work directly with Dunedin's homeless population. The survey responses will assist with a more accurate idea of when and where to send Point in Time volunteers. The Point in Time County is scheduled January 23rd, 2020 for Pinellas County.
9. **Announcements** Secretary Nozicka discussed DCF Secretary Poppell's new initiatives include a more case management and prevention approach. He is rolling out a new strategic plan using the Four Disciplines of Execution (4DX) model. One upcoming policy change has to do with parents keeping their Medicaid benefits while working on a DCF case plan to reunify with their children. When details are finalized, the group will be updated. Chair Slyker discussed Directions for Living (DFL) is currently transitioning their case management contract which will now be housed with Eckerd Community Alternatives. At this time, it looks like the DFL employees will all be rehired with Eckerd. Ms. Smalling included a link to the Grants Collaborative on the bottom of the agenda (<http://www.grantscollaborative.org>) and Chair Slyker expressed what a great resource this is.

10. Citizen(s) Comment(s) N/A

Meeting adjourned at 6:36PM