

**City of Dunedin**  
**Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**MLK Center**  
**October 15, 2019 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Suzanna Young, Vice Chair  
Tiffany Nozicka, Secretary  
Bilal Habeeb-ullah  
Jason Knott  
Sandra Sunter  
Chantala Simmons

**Absent:** Avery Slyker, Chair (Excused)  
Kimberly Tucker (Alternate)

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

**Visitors:** Rebecca Schlichter, Bianca Redkis, Joseph DiPasqua, Terri Kearnes, Chris Mathews

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Young called the Social Service Committee (SSC) meeting to order at 5:30pm with quorum being met.
2. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Ms. Sunter made a motion that the minutes from September be approved, Mr. Knott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Code Enforcement Sites:**
  - a. Mr. DiPasqua provided the Dunedin SSC with a list of 7 distressed Dunedin properties. 4 are occupied (1155 Lazy Lake Rd. E, 1758 Bayshore Blvd., 1178 Brook Drive E., 1434 Patricia Ave.) and 3 are vacant (453 San Salvador Dr., 930 Dumont Dr., 1233 St. Andrews Dr.)
  - b. Dr. Smalling explained that the Dream Center understood Dunedin does not necessarily have a block that is distressed and will work with the committee to assist with the properties identified by code enforcement.
  - c. Vice Chair Young asked Mr. DiPasqua about coordinating dates for code enforcement and the Dream Center to meet. Mr. DiPasqua explained he would need to discuss availability with the Director. Dr. Smalling agreed to assist and take the lead for the committee.
  - d. Dr. Smalling added she will need to leave early to attend the City's listening sessions. Ms. Kearnes and Ms. Redkis would be available in her absence. She then introduced the new City Clerk, Rebecca Schlichter.
4. **Kinship Care Presentation:** Chris Mathews gave a brief overview of the Kinship program and explained the services provided to relative caregivers are not cookie cutter. The individuals that work with Kinship understand the needs of relatives taking care of children because they have lived it. A referral sheet, Ms. Mathews business card, a pen, and a list of services was provided to all.
5. **Review any City requests:** N/A
6. **Social Service Resource Directory:** Vice Chair Young looked at the Healthy Start and St. Petersburg College Resource directories. She proposed to add Mease Dunedin Hospital's Health Insurance Navigator and Community Health Center of Pinellas, Dunedin's information along with the transportation information Ms. Sunter will provide. The website links to Healthy

Start and St. Petersburg College will be added to the resource directory ( [www.healthystartpinellas.org](http://www.healthystartpinellas.org) and [www.spcollege.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-support-services/student-assistance-programs/resources-for-life-issues](http://www.spcollege.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-support-services/student-assistance-programs/resources-for-life-issues) ) Ms. Sunter made a motion to approve the additions. Mr. Knott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**7. Announcements:**

- a. Ms. Sunter announced she will be absent during November's meeting.
- b. Secretary Nozicka asked the Community Health Center for a donation of hygiene products and they agreed to provide them for Dunedin's point in time count.

**8. Citizen(s) comment(s):** N/A

**9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

*Next Meeting - November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30PM*