

**Town of Barnstable
Human Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016**

Names in BOLD indicate action items.

Present:

Scott Fitzgerald (chair), Charlie Hetzel, Heidi Nelson (members), Jen Cullum (Town Council Liaison)

Absent:

Guests:

Stacie Peugh (membership applied for)

Order:

The meeting came to order at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Goals for FY2016:

The Committee had a wide-ranging discussion regarding possible goals for FY2016. Town Council President Jessica Rapp Grasseti has announced that she will be appointing two committees: one on homelessness- assessing the impact of homelessness on the village of Hyannis led by Jen Cullum, and one on the impact of illegal drugs on the Barnstable community led by Sarah Cushing.

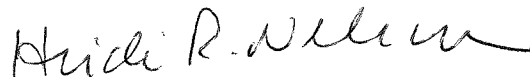
Heidi and Charlie noted that at the Human Services Committee meeting in November, at which they were the only attendees, they had reviewed the proposed goals of the Regional Substance Abuse Council's work plan and highlighted those that were particularly relevant to the Town of Barnstable. The minutes from the November meeting included those recommendations. The committee asked **Heidi to re-send those minutes** so that the committee can review the recommendations at its February meeting. Those goals are re-printed at the end of these minutes.

One potential area for our work is DMH housing and the lack of sufficient community housing for persons with mental illness.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Nelson, Duffy Health Center and Secretary to Committee

The next meeting of the committee will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Goals for FY2016:

Heidi and Charlie reviewed the action plan of the Barnstable County Regional Substance Abuse Council, to determine areas for involvement of residents of the Town of Barnstable.

The Human Services Committee recommends:

- 1) The Town Council endorse the RSAC Action Plan.
- 2) The Barnstable School District participate in the prevention initiatives as outlined in the Prevention/Intervention section of the RSAC Action Plan.
- 3) The Town Council identify the Town Manager's role in accreditation of sober homes, as proposed in state legislation.
- 4) The Barnstable School District participate in RSAC planning efforts around recovery high schools and recovery support groups for teenagers.