

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Meeting

In-person, Woodbridge Center-Lounge

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: S. Davidson, Commission Chair, J. Ciarleglio, L.F. Miller, C. Austin (via telephone), A. Cohen, A. Holzman, B.P. Madden, J. Clarke-Lofters, V. Livesay

Staff present: J. Glicksman, Human Services Director, N. Pfund, Youth Services Director, K. Moriarty, Woodbridge Center Director

Meeting called to order 7:07 p.m. by S. Davidson, Commission Chair

I. Public Comment

Although publicly noticed, no members of the public were in attendance.

II. Additions to the Agenda - None

III. Minutes of the August 7, 2023 Meeting

B. P. Madden made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting. J. Ciarleglio seconded. C. Austin, S. Davidson, J. Ciarleglio, B.P. Madden, and L.F. Miller approved the minutes. (V. Livesay, A. Cohen, A. Holzman and J. Clarke-Lofters abstained.)

IV. The Woodbridge Center

K. Moriarty presented the August 2023 Woodbridge Center report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Staffing –
 - Transportation driver – The search for a driver for the transportation program continues. Two applications were received this month.
 - Clerical Program Assistant – On August 11, 2023, Kristy Marie Laydon officially started as the new Clerical Program Assistant and is currently being trained.
- Programming
 - Summer Luncheon on the Grove - On August 10, 2023, four local sponsors came together to provide a lunch to nearly 50 guests, with music provided by Alex Lentini. The sponsors included: The Linden, Atrinity Home Health, The Key, and Whitney Rehabilitation and Health Care Center (“Hamden Rehabilitation”).
 - Root Beer Float Social – On August 25, 2023, Hamden Rehabilitation hosted a Root Beer Float Social to 16 grandparents, grandchildren, and others.
 - Painting for Pleasure Class resumed on September 11, 2023.
- Upcoming Events
 - September Coffee Bar will be hosted by Realtor Pat Cardozo.

- Immersive Italy Experience – On September 8, 2023, Hamden Rehabilitation had a free immersive Italy experience. The event included a virtual tour of Italy and authentic Italian treats.
 - Ask the Nurse Program – On September 12, 2023, the Ask the Nurse Program will resume after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic and renovation. This monthly program offers blood pressure monitoring, weight checks, and private health and wellness guidance.
 - Lunch and Bingo – On September 13, 2023, Opal Stork Home Care will provide Bingo with prizes followed by lunch.
 - T'ai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance – Funding in the amount of \$2,880.00 was awarded for this program that will begin on September 18, 2023, and be divided between two classes. The 24-week session (48 classes) will cost \$96.00 per person. The goal is to enroll 15 participants per class.
 - Annual Townwide Picnic – On September 19, 2023 (rain date September 21), Coachman Square of Woodbridge will host their annual townwide picnic for all Woodbridge residents, town employees and first responders. Musical entertainment will be provided by Shawn Taylor.
 - *Keys Names Bags Words* documentary – On September 21, 2023 (World Alzheimer's Day), the Center will present a film, produced in partnership with the Global Brain Health Institute, about hope in aging and dementia.
 - Ask a PA- Starting on September 28, 2023, PA Becket Gretchen- Harrison will provide clients the opportunity to have a private consultation to discuss ways to improve health and wellness with a focus on cardiac health. This program runs monthly.
- Other Updates:
 - Van 167 – The parked, newer 2020 Ford Transit van, used in the transportation program, was struck by a woman exiting the parking lot in an improper manner. To prevent future accidents at this location, Town Public Works has placed a "Jersey barrier" to prevent entering and exiting to and from Center Road. The insurance carrier has been contacted. The damage will not affect the usage of the vehicle.
 - Water entering lounge – Town will fund an engineering study to move forward with rectifying this problem. Human Services will consult with the Town Attorney to see whether the Town can seek repairs/reimbursement from the original company who designed/constructed the ADA accessible ramp.

L.F. Miller made a motion to accept the August 2023 Woodbridge Center report. J. Clarke-Lofters seconded. Motion was approved by all members.

V. Youth Services

N. Pfund presented the August 2023 Youth Services report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Programming
 - Babysitter Training – Thirteen students attended the training on August 21 & 22, 2023. Youth Services (YS) provided snacks and water. The fee to attend the

training was \$60 for residents and \$65 for non-residents, and sibling discounts were offered. Eight students have registered for the next session.

- Job Bank – Some jobs were not filled as many students were away, but two new members were interviewed.
- Community Service – Two students have been working during lunches at The Center and three students volunteered at the Seventh Grade Picnic to assist staff with food, registration, and games.
- Information Tables – YS plans to have an information table at Back-to-School Night event scheduled for September 12, 2023 and at the Amity Middle School Bethany (“AMSB”) PTSO Color Run event scheduled for October 14, 2023.
- Youth Evening Programs
 - Seventh-Grade Picnic – On August 23, 117 students attended the Seventh-Grade picnic at the AMSB. The new fee was \$10. The DJ played music and held a scavenger hunt. Games were available (Twister, chalk, disc toss, corn hole, etc.).
 - Back to School Bash – On September 22, 2023, Seventh and eighth graders are invited to gather for a fun evening at the AMSB with DJ, inflatable obstacle course, pizza, and other games.
 - Halloween Spooktacular – Students are invited to attend a Halloween party to be held on October 20, 2023. Plans are in the works for a costume contest, DJ, games, and more.
- Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge Drug/Alcohol Action Committee (“BOWDAAC”) update
 - Youth Services continues to promote BOWDAAC through school newsletters and will share the new brochure with parents at Back-to-School Nights and at the Woodbridge Like Me Day.
- Grants update and schedule
 - The reporting of FY23 data collection for Department of Children & Families (DCF) was completed by the August 1 deadline.
 - DCF indicated that Youth Services Bureaus will not be required to complete a 2-year application for FY24-25, however, the budget request for FY24 was due and completed by September 1.
 - Due date for the report of FY23 expenses is October 2, 2023. Any amount not spent must be returned to DCF.
 - Grant allocations for this year are as follows:
 - YS Base Grant - \$14,103 (Town must match)
 - Enhancement Grant - \$8,604
 - DCF Supplemental Grant - \$2,744 (Direct services only)

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the August 2023 Youth Services report. J. Ciarleglio seconded. Motion approved by all members.

VI. Human Services

J. Glicksman presented the August 2023 Human Services report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Living Treasure – update – Human Service will hold the 5th annual event this Thursday, September 14, 2023. This year’s award recipients are Mary Lee Barker, Joe Crisco, Matthew Giglietti, and Lynn Piascyk. This community-building event, which honors Woodbridge residents who have generously volunteered their time over the years, also serves as a fundraiser for The Woodbridge Center.
- Vaccine clinics/grant – Four vaccine clinics will be held on September 26, October 2, October 20 and October 30 in the Center Building gymnasium. There will be two vaccines only clinics and two clinics with 5 vaccines available including: new Covid-19, RSV (60+), Shingrix (50+), Prevnar 20 (new pneumonia vaccine- 65+) and regular and high dose flu vaccines. HS applied for and was granted a NCOA vaccine delivery grant for \$10,000. We must provide 100 flu and Covid-19 vaccines by April 30, 2024 to qualify for the grant. The Town has already received payment and has placed it in the Department’s fundraising/grants account.
- Center Building Renovation Committee, Center Gym Project update – No update this month. Next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023.
- Opioid Settlement Funding – Human Services (“HS”) has been tasked with exploring ideas on utilizing the Opioid Settlement dollars which have been distributed to each town. Our plan is to extend outreach to all segments of the community. HS plans to hire a temporary/PT qualified employee who will plan and execute programming for the entire community. The Community Services Director from the Town of Orange expressed interest in partnership with HS Department.
- Programs
 - Alzheimer’s Walk – This walk will be held at Lighthouse Point Park on September 24, 2023. The Team “Motrin in Motion” will be walking locally from Town Hall for a short walk around the Town campus on September 20 at noon. Participants are asked to contribute \$5 to join the walk. Please visit the team’s page if you would like to contribute to their effort at <http://act.alz.org/goto/MotrininMotion-Woodbridge> or you may send a check made payable to the Alzheimer’s Association to The Woodbridge Center.
 - Boy Scout Food Drive (Troops 63, 907 & 410) – The annual food drive is scheduled to take place on October 28, 2023. Information regarding donations will be delivered to each household. This food drive supports the Woodbridge Food Pantry and benefits local families in need. Last year, town residents donated close to two tons of food.
 - Energy Assistance Program – Beginning September 18, 2023, qualifying residents may schedule an appointment to apply for the 2023-2024 Energy Assistance Program administered by TEAM, Inc. To schedule an appointment, please contact Social Worker Judi Young.
 - Adopt A Family – The program provides holiday food baskets for the December holidays to Woodbridge families in need. Distribution of the baskets will take

place in early December. If interested in sponsoring a family, please contact Human Services by October 30, 2023

- Woodbridge Road Race – The annual road race, hosted by the Woodbridge Recreation Department, is scheduled for September 30, 2023. B.P. Madden and A. Cohen kindly volunteered to assist J. Glicksman with this event.
- Woodbridge “Like Me” Day – The Ad Hoc Committee for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will be hosting this event on September 30, 2023. Human Services will have an information table set up at the event.
- Human Services will be participating in the 20th Annual Orange Senior Health and Safety Fair on September 22, 2023 and the Bethany Senior Health Fair on October 18, 2023.

B.P. Madden made a motion to accept the August 2023 Human Services report.

A. Cohen seconded. Motion approved by all members.

VII. Old Business/New Business

- Next Meeting – October 2, 2023

VIII. Adjournment

A. Holzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. V. Livesay seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Submitted by:

Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this 2nd Day of October, 2023.