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South County Senior Center Board of Oversight January 5, 2023 Minutes

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the South County Senior Center Board of Oversight was held on January 5, 2023 at 6:03 pm. Meetings normally held at the Municipal Offices are being held remotely, with adequate, alternative means of public access and, where required, public participation provided, in accordance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c.30A § 20.

Meeting convened at 6:03 pm with Tom Fydenkevez calling the meeting to order.

Attendance: Trevor McDaniel, Tom Fydenkevez, Joyce Palmer-Fortune

Also present: Jennifer Remillard, Chris Nolan

Draft Minutes for Approval: SCSC Director Jennifer Remillard informed the board that draft minutes would be submitted by the BOO's next meeting by February. The board agreed with the extension of the minutes.

Statistical Data Updates: Remillard informed the board about the increase to MCOA formula grant funding based on data projections.

SCSC Transition Plan: Remillard discussed a potential location at 20 Industrial Drive East in South Deerfield. The 15,783 square-foot flex space is a former manufacturing warehouse location. Remillard added that a long-term temporary location would need to be approved in the next 20 months.

Fydenkevez stated that an RFP would identify the senior center's location for a five-year period. Remillard projected that it would likely need to be 6,000 to 7,000 square feet to accommodate the center's needs.

The board also discussed the creation of a feasibility study to examine the South Congregational Church at 71 N. Main St., South Deerfield as a potential long-term temporary site to house the SCSC.

SCSC Recap 2022 Events: Remillard informed the board about recent 2022 events at SCSC, including a Friendsgiving event with 106 attendees and a holiday meal with home delivery supporting 54 seniors. The SCSC ended its year with an average attendance of 60 people per program day. From September to December 2022, the SCSC doubled its dialy average of attendees.

SCSC Current Happenings: Remillard informed the board of a new seated dance class led by Kathy Steinem. A fire safety event has been rescheduled. SCSC staff will be attending CPR training. A Birds of Prey presentation by Tom Ricardi is scheduled for January 27. A recent New Year's Party was a success with socialization and a sandwich luncheon.

Budget FY23/FY24: Remillard requested additional support be allocated in the budget to bring part-time outreach coordinator Chris Goudreau to a full-time position of at least 30 hours. She noted that the increase in hours would allow for additional transportation utilizing the SCSC van and outreach work. The outreach coordinator position is currently 19.5 hours and funded through the operations budget.

The SCSC state formula fund grant monies increased from \$27,252 annually to \$39,756 annually (an increase of \$12,504).

The board discussed the benefits of increasing the outreach coordinator to 35 hours as opposed to 30 hours. Joyce Palmer-Fortune made a motion to accept the budget with the Outreach Coordinator position hours increased to 35, which was seconded by McDaniel. The board voted unanimously to approve with a vote of 3-0.

McDaniel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fydenkevez seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.