



TOWN of LINCOLN

Council on Aging & Human Services

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Board Meeting Minutes-Draft June 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order, as extended on June 15, 2021, with the Governor's signing of Senate Bill #2475, Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Board Members Present: Laura Crosby, Sally Kindleberger, Wendy Kusik, Donald Milan, Florence Montgomery, Jane O'Rourke, Kathy Ramon, Donna Rizzo, Dilla Tingley (Chair), via Zoom - Terry Perlmutter, Peter Von Mertens.

Staff: Abigail Butt (COA&HS Director)

Other Attendees: Collette Sizer (Minute-taker), Walter Pianka, via Zoom – community participant

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Dilla Tingley called the meeting to order at 1.08 p.m. and Abigail Butt took roll call.

Roll Call:

Laura Crosby	Aye
Sally Kindleberger	Aye
Wendy Kusik	Aye
Don Milan	Aye
Florence Montgomery	Aye
Jane O'Rourke	Aye
Terry Perlmutter	Aye
Kathy Ramon	Aye
Donna Rizzo	Aye
Dilla Tingley (Chair)	Aye
Don Milan	Aye
Hope White	Aye
Peter Von Mertens	Aye

May 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Dilla asked for any corrections to the May 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

- Don corrected the number of years he had served with SHINE. Sally Kindleberger moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Kathy Ramon. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
- **Action Item:** Abigail to make corrections to the minutes.

Liaison Reports

Housing Commission Meetings (Terry Perlmutter)

Terry Perlmutter joined the meeting remotely and gave a brief overview of the last Housing Commission Meeting which included discussion of the water base rate waiver/reimbursement as well as affordable housing.

Trip Committee (Donna Rizzo)



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- Donna Rizzo was disappointed to report that the trip to the June production of “1776 the Musical” had to be cancelled. The theater required proof of vaccination. Some seniors are advised not to be vaccinated and those individuals, therefore, would be denied participation in events that require vaccination cards. COA&HS cannot discriminate against those who may have poor health.
- Three trips are planned that do not require vaccination cards.
 - The Beauport Sleeper-McCann House Museum in September
 - The Turkey Train in Meredith, New Hampshire in October
 - The Northshore Music Theater

Minuteman Senior Services (MMSS) (Wendy Kusik)

Wendy Kusik had no report. MMSS is discussed in the Director’s Report.

Diversity Initiative (Florence Montgomery, Hope White)

- Hope White and Abigail both praised the Lincoln Pride event held on June 12. It was well attended.
- Hope provided a list of upcoming Juneteenth celebrations in the area including the following and more:
 - Saturday, June 18 Beverly – Juneteenth Jamboree.
 - Saturday, June 18 Wayland library – Juneteenth Celebration! History of Hiphop Dancing.
 - Thursday, June 16 Indiana’s Historical Society on-line talk on Semiology by the Beverly library.
 - Saturday, June 25 Verrill Farms Strawberry Festival.
- Hope noted that the Juneteenth holiday observed is Monday June 20, but the actual day is June 19th.
- Florence informed the group that a CD that is available of John Williams music. The music and orchestra are interracial.

Announcements/Director’s Report (Abigail Butt) - see the Director’s Report June 2022

Social Services Update

DEI (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion)

- Abigail updated the group on the Lincoln Pride Event and added that Town Social Worker, Natalia Dedkov, who also attended, has additionally volunteered to be on the Town Employee Diversity Committee.
- An LGBTQ Supper Club was planned before the pandemic and then postponed. Abigail hopes to restart planning for the supper club in the future.
- The COA&HS Board and employees must complete LBGTO training by law. Registration is tedious.
 - **Action Item:** Abigail will resend the link.
 - Abigail will make the training available at Bemis through her account for those interested.
- Lincoln Academy will be on summer break for July/August. A series of movies will be offered with consideration for DEI. If it goes smoothly, COA&HS will offer a regular movie time in addition to Lincoln Academy.
- COA&HS is working with MMSS to translate the Lincoln Rental Assistance Program information into Spanish using ARPA funds.

Noteworthy Programming – see the Director’s Report June 2022

- Abigail noted that the Senior Dining program had switched to Grab-and-Go recently when COVID rates went up but is back in person. The menu offerings are closely monitored and is much improved.
- HomeWorks Energy presented on June 3.
- A Trip Down the Nile & Beyond with the Creighton’s is planned and The Music of the Civil Rights Movement by John Clark will be offered.

SHINE

Rhonda Swain and Amy Gagne are persisting with options to bring a MassHealth SHINE specialist to Lincoln for regular office hours.



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Old Business

None

New Business

Jane O'Rourke was able to find an intern through Salem State University. Ijeoma McAnthony (IJ), a first-year MSW student, will start in the fall and work with COA&HS for the academic year.

Adjournment

Dilla called for a motion to adjourn. Jane so moved, and Sally seconded.

- The Motion to Adjourn passed unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

September 13, 2022, at 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Collette Sizer, Minute Taker
June 16, 2022