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Human Services Commission

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 1, 2026
Ellington Human Services
31 Arbor Way
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Patricia Szafir,
Lenora Williams, Kalagena Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Stack - Director of Human Services; Stephen Clapp – Elderly
Outreach

Call to Order:

Patricia Szafir called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Approval Minutes:

MOVED (Williams) SECONDED (Wambolt-Gulick) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2026 MEETING.

Citizens' Forum:

None

New Business:

Pat Szafir shared that she delivers groceries for the Weekend Backpack Program and asked if any commission members would be interested in assisting with deliveries during the summer months. Deanna Wambolt-Gulick expressed interest in helping with deliveries throughout the summer.

Commission members participated in a tour of the Food Bank and discussed its operations and the best ways the commission could support its efforts. Members discussed organizing a community food drive, including the possibility of collecting donations during Movie Night events. Kalagena Sullivan volunteered to reach out to JRego and Luann's regarding participation.

The commission agreed to hold a community food drive. Pat Szafer will coordinate the effort and will provide members with additional details and volunteer opportunities once plans have been finalized.

Human Services Report:

Director Rebecca Stack provided the following updates:

- The Diversity and Inclusion Committee will host a Signing Day event on June 11, 2026.
- The Campership Program currently has six families enrolled, with several additional applications in process. The program provides financial assistance for participation in Recreation Department summer camp programs.
- The Renters' Rebate Program is currently underway.
- The Energy Assistance Program has concluded for the season.
- The Opioid Awareness Summer Concert Series will take place on June 18, July 16, and August 20, 2026.
- The August concert will include a partnership with the Recreation Camp.
- Rebecca provided an update on the Veterans Coffeehouse and discussed the recent guest speaker presentation.

Adjournment:

MOVED (Williams), SECONDED (Wambolt-Gulick), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:02 PM.

Submitted By:

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Kelly Luginbuhl, Recording Secretary