

Municipal Social services Review Board
Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2025

Members Present:

Josh O'Brien, Daniel Libby, Sharon Kelly and Maureen T. Jelloe

Public Present:

None attended

Location:

Library

Time:

6:30 p.m.

Discussion:

A quorum was noted, Members introduced themselves and shared some background information and what interested them in service on the Board

Maureen made a motion to have Josh O'Brien elected as Chair, and it was seconded by Dan and approved unanimously.

Maureen made a motion to have Dan Libby elected Vice Chair, and the motion was seconded by Josh and was approved unanimously.

Maureen volunteered to take the minutes of meetings and to submit them to the Town.

We have scheduled our next meeting for Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm. in the Wheeler Room at the Library.

Because we now have a quorum, Josh will ask Diane for our time frame to submit our work with dates to the Budget Committee and the Select Board.

Josh forwarded last year's report to us as a google doc.

Dan presented his information on the proposal submitted the AIDS Response Seacoast. It is a good proposal and a good program. They are asking for \$1,000.00 and the value of their services to 3 York residents is valued at \$7,383.00. Dan supports its funding.

Dan presenting the proposal for Caring Unlimited. It is a solid organization and, they are doing much needed work in the community. He supports funding of \$9,200.00.

Josh has 3 proposals: Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery is deserving of funding, and he supports their \$1,000.00 request.

Strong Girls United Foundation has requested additional funding from last year's \$12,850.00 to this year's request of \$18,000.00. They have secured a space at Star of the Sea Church to use

for their programs and have added young male programs to their offerings. Josh supports this request as they demonstrate the need for the increase of services rendered to our community.

York Community Service Association Food Pantry has requested funding of \$10,000.00 this year, which is the same as they received last year. They serve 70 people a week and about half of the recipients are senior citizens. The value of their services is estimated at \$270,000.00 for both cash donations and in-kind services. They spend \$50,000.00 to purchase fresh produce (vegetables, fruits, milk, and cheeses) out their funds, and the \$10,000.00 will help fund these purchases. They are financially stable, and Josh supports funding their request.

He spoke to Michelle, and they are not submitting a Community Supper application for funding this year because they feel they are well funded.

Sharon reviewed the Kids Free to Grow proposal. Sharon stated that the agency was audited and it was submitted by an independent auditor, and a budget was also included. Connections for Kids is the Parent Company, and Kids Free to Grow is part of their program. It is a prevention program (46 years) that serves York and York County. It is a small organization with four full-time employees. 48 residents are served in their Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program. They work with the York School Department and York Hospital and Library as well as the Harbor Pre-School; "A Time of Wonder." Some information is missing.

Maureen presented her information on her three proposals.

Day One: is a new applicant with a 50-year history of serving clients. Located in Windham, Maine, its focus is on substance abuse treatment. They offer both inpatient and outpatient services. Town of York residents participated in the program; one adolescent attended the residential program, and one adult received outpatient services. The value of these services to York is \$11,906.89. All clients served have Maine Care plus other health care providers that don't cover many aspects of treatment.

Cornerstone Visiting Nurses Association serves 48 communities in N.H. and Southern Maine 67 York residents received home care services for a total of 706 visits; 3 hospice patients were served for a total of 26 visits, and the value of these visits is \$168,820.00.

Josh made a motion to begin voting on funding the proposals; Dan seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to begin voting.

Dan presented a motion to recommend **AIDS Response Seacoast** for funding of \$1,000.00. It was seconded by Sharon; there was no further discussion. And motion passed unanimously.

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Dan presented a motion to fund **Caring Unlimited** for \$8,500.00; motion was seconded by Maureen, but further discussion was needed before a final vote. Therefore, Dan made a motion to remove the recommendation and Maureen seconded it.

Josh made a motion to fund **Strong Girls United** in the amount of \$18,000.00; Dan seconded the motion; there was some discussion regarding services offered by this organization; then the vote to fund was unanimous.

Josh made a motion to fund **Southern Maine Memorial Veterans Cemetery** for \$1,000.00; motion was seconded by Sharon; there was a discussion about the maintenance and

beautification efforts at the cemetery; the value is estimated at \$1,300.00 for York veterans and their families. Currently there are 34 York residents interred there; there was no further discussion; and the Committee voted unanimously to fund this proposal.

Josh made a motion to fund **YCSA Food pantry** in the amount of \$10,000.00 which is the same amount that was funded last year; motion seconded by Maureen; there was no discussion; and it was approved unanimously by the Committee.

Maureen Presented a motion to fund **Cornerstone VNA** in the amount of \$1,500.00; Josh seconded the motion; there was no discussion, and it was approved unanimously by the Committee.

Maureen presented a motion to fund **Southern Maine Agency on Aging** in the amount of \$14,500; last year York funded agency for \$13,250.00; Sharon seconded the motion; there was no discussion; and the Committee voted unanimously to fund this proposal.

At Committee's next meeting, Monday, December 1, 2025, at Library in Wheeler Room, Dan will present 2 proposals; Maureen will present on new proposal Day One; and Sharon will present one on Kids Free to Grow. Four in total presentations with discussion and voting. We will also vote on the approval of the meetings' minutes. If time permits, we will update our final report to Town.

Josh will send us an editable report. We will send Josh our edited approved proposals.

Josh made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.: Dan seconded it; unanimously approved.