

**Provincetown Human Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2007**

Members Present: Jim Pipilas, Teri Nezbeth, David Goudreau, Al Proia, Diane Corbo
Staff Present: Val Carrano

Meeting Began at 5:15PM at the Grace Goveia Building.

Provincetown Soup Kitchen proposal was submitted 24 hours late. Committee discussed whether or not to allow its review, and Val gave input from the Town Manager on this as well. Committee voted 3 in favor to accept, 2 against. The Committee asked that the Chair send a letter to the Soup Kitchen explaining that it had put the Committee in a difficult position, was setting a precedent, and that it was disrespectful to the other organizations that had submitted on time. Jim would circulate a draft letter to the Board before sending to the Soup Kitchen.

Representative from Independence House was interviewed about their proposal. She explained that they were finding that Provincetown residents were seen more in alternate locations this past year, rather than in the Ptown office, or were counceled over the phone. Diane felt that set office hours were still very important to create a presence for Independence House, and that it should be published in the Banner, publicized at Yearrounders Festival, and filed with the Police Department and town human service agencies.

The Committee deliberated all proposals. All but 3 were level funded. Independence House was lessened by \$800 for their diminished presence in Provincetown, and for the lack of clear data in their proposal. Mass Appeal was given \$200 more for their increased service to Town, and Children's Place given \$600 more to cover their costs of administering the John A. Henry Trust for the Town. While the Committee felt the agencies serving the Town worked very hard, and all (but Independence House) demonstrated increased service, the Committee felt it important to keep our request to the Town at the same level because of the financial situation it is currently facing. The Committee does feel it important that the Town raise its funding commitment in the future, and hopes it can be considered.

Motion to accept FY09 funding as agreed was made by Diane. Second by Al. All in favor.

Meeting minutes from this December 18th were presented. Motion to accept by Teri. Second by Diane. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Diane. Second by Teri. All in favor.

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 29th at Town Hall at 5:30PM. Meeting Adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pipilas, Chair.