COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES, VETERANS, CULTURE, AND RECREATION
Councilor Marianne LaBarge, Chair
Councilor Alisa F. Klein
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra

AGENDA
Monday September 21, 2015
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building, Northampton, MA

*Activate NCTV Camera to Record Meeting

1. Members present/absent:
2. Meeting Called to Order
3. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording of Meeting
4. Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2015
5. Public Comment

6. 4:05 p.m. – Jeff Harness, Director, Community Health & Government Relations, Cooley Dickinson Health Care
   
   Jeff Harness will do a screen presentation, and will provide an overview of the Getting to Healthy report on transportation and access to healthcare

7. Questions and Answers

8. 5:00 p.m. - Betsy Shalley-Jensen, PhD, DCM, Director: A Positive Place; director: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council, Cooley Dickinson Hospital
   
   ◆ Betsy will talk about A Positive Place, a grant-funded program affiliated with Cooley Dickinson that provides comprehensive medical and social case management, housing support and advocacy, financial support, assistance with healthcare and drug reimbursement coverage, and a range of other services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

   ◆ Betsy will talk about the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council. Their goals are three-fold: diversify their workforce and governance to reflect the diversity of populations served; strengthen our cultural responsiveness to all patient populations through on-going education and training; and eliminate health disparities based on race, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, language, SAS, etc.

   ◆ Their council is currently focusing on 3 large initiatives:
     1. Enhancing LGBT healthcare and workplace environment
     2. Eliminating health disparities based on race/ethnicity/language
     3. Improving services for people with disabilities, with a current focus on emergency situations with people with autism spectrum disorder

9. City Councilor’s Alisa Klein and Gina-Louise Sciarra will speak about the Agenda for the Month of October; scheduled presenters and times.

10. NEW BUSINESS – Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed
11. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

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