



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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