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## the HILLTOP MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

at the Somersworth High School Library 11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth, N.H.

### **MINUTES**

Attendees: Suzanne Weete, City Councilor Don Austin, School Board Member/Commission Chair Todd Marsh, Chief Tim McLin, Ashley Wright, School Board Chair Maggie Larson, Mayor Hilliard

- 1. Call to Order
  - Todd calls at 6:07
- 2. Approval of Minutes, April 20, 2022
  - Don Austin moves to approve
  - Maggie Larson seconds
  - All in favor
- 3. Chair Reading of Commission Mission
  - Purpose: To maximize focus & minimize mission creep
- 4. Welcome by Chair
- 5. Discussion and Activities (Meeting Facilitators)
  - A.) Community Mental Health and Wellness Summit Planning
    - Location Update: American Legion is confirmed for Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm
- ii. -Funding Update/Discussion
  - 2. Potential movement for an underwriter for this event
  - 3. Mayor Hilliard is willing to advocate for filling the gaps with City funds, if needed
  - 4. Need outline explaining:
    - a. What is the goal of the Summit?
    - b. Goals of the Commission by having this
    - c. Goals of having the community included
    - *d*. Need a concrete answer of this is why we're planning, here are the goals and objectives, every member will walk away with a \_\_\_\_, the commission will be able to promote a further understanding of X, we'll be able to create next steps for X
  - 5. \$10K mark is the threshold to stay away from to avoid going to Finance Committee (*we're not going to come close to that*)
  - 6. Suz, Ashley & Mary will work on putting together a 1 pager outlining goals and objectives of the Summit
  - 7. Todd will talk with FMH re: funding

Proud past, bright future

- 8. If needed, Mayor Hilliard will work to identify/secure City funding
- 9. Maggie will check in on child care & follow-up with group

#### 10. General Planning

#### Space Details:

- Capacity Over 100?
- Round tables, if possible
  - Do they have them? If not, we can get the ones from the Dollar Store Maggie will check with American Legion, if not, we can have some purchased
- Wentworth Greenhouse might donate flowers for the centerpieces?
  - Maggie will reach out?
- Do they have a projector and/or screen?
  - PHN has a projector, but not screen would need either a screen or a blank wall Maggie will check in with American Legion
- Microphone system
  - Suzanne will look into providing one from Community Partners
- Welcome Sign at the entrance
  - Ashley has A-Frame if we need to use it for signage

### Food

- Would like to keep it in-town
  - Fiddleheads is an option Maggie will reach out to them
- Can we utilize the culinary program?
- Fresh Picks? They do services of the summer, it could be an option Suzanne will connect with Chris
- 6. Public Engagement/Outreach Efforts
  - City Commission City Logo, possibly Frisbee logo, NH Listens
  - Language want to promote the Commission doing the work & promote the Mission of the Commission
    - Why are we meeting, how this came to fruition
    - "Somersworth Strong"
  - Video Plug for Summit Suz will be in charge of putting this ~45 second clip together
    - Mayor Hilliard
    - o Maggie
    - o Don
    - Others?
    - Speaking in short statements about the goals of the Summit
      - Somersworth Strong
      - Hilltop Mental Health & Wellness Commission
      - Join us at the Summit
  - Press Release Suz will work on putting this together
    - Full article
  - Social media
    - (un)Official Somersworth Facebook
    - o SCPHN
    - Police Department
    - Community Partners

- o SOS
- o Dover Mental Health Alliance
- Alert Now to emails for parents
- Falls Chamber Emerson
- City Website
- School Website
- Tim will work on blurb for Somersworth newsletter

Ashley will send Tim the link and information for the newsletter

- Registration
  - Ashley will create & manage on Survey Monkey
- Parking is limited in the Legion lot
  - Free parking on Main Street & Washington be sure to include in emails

Elevator Pitch Details:

- Dinner
- Welcome presentation
- Guided discussion to get your input on mental health in our community

Schedule walk-thru of the space

- Maggie will reach out to them & then she & Ashley will communicate to the group
  - A.) Media Outreach
    - 1. Recorded Panel Discussions Update *Waiting to receive from Bill Rogers, should be up any day*
    - 2. Future Initiatives
    - 7. Next Steps/Future Meeting Dates/Suggested Agenda Items
- Next meeting Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 6 7:30pm
- 8. Other
- 9. Public Input
- 10. Adjournment
  - Todd Marsh asks for motion
  - Don Austin moves
  - Maggie Larson Seconds
  - All in favor
  - 7:31pm meeting adjourned, Todd Marsh, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

# Ashley Wright

\*This notice is in accordance with RSA 91-A, Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire.