

Cambridge Human Services Commission
Minutes of Meeting 5/8/2014
5:30 – 7:30pm
Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge

Commissioners present: Ayse Atasoylu, Christine Elow, Christopher Hall, Kati LaBraico, Lori Likis, Khari Milner

Regrets: Nan Stone, Katharine Thomas, Rev. Lorraine Thornhill

DHSP staff: Janice Alger, Shelly Chevalier

Janice Alger facilitated a brief follow-up discussion on the Boys II Men documentary that was screened at the April HSC meeting held at the Area 4 Youth Center.

Janice Alger announced that CASPAR will be entering into a strategic partnership with Bay Cove Human Services, effective July 1, 2014. According to CASPAR's Board of Directors, the strategic partnership will exist under Bay Cove's corporate structure, with CASPAR retaining its non-profit status and name. Bay Cove's Board of Directors will assume fiduciary responsibility and governance of CASPAR, and Bay Cove's executive team will assume management responsibility.

Janice Alger reminded the Commissioners that Jose Soares retired at the end of March. DHSP has hired Mike Payack as the new Planner/Contracts Manager within DHSP's Planning & Development (P&D) division. One of Mike's duties will be to staff the HSC meetings, beginning with the June meeting.

Shelly Chevalier provided a review of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) renewal process. DHSP/P&D proposed using a streamlined Application for Renewal Funding this year and shared a draft copy of the renewal application. Applications for Renewal Funding will be mailed to Agencies at the beginning of next week.

Shelly presented a summary of FY2014 CDBG site visits. Jose Soares conducted the site visits and compiled the FY2014 CDBG Site Visit Report before his retirement in March.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Human Services Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12th.