



Cambridge Human Services Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2018  
5:30 – 7:30 PM  
Citywide Senior Center  
806 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Commissioners present: Julie Asher, Christine Elow, Christopher Hall, Bran Shim, Khari Milner

Regrets: Nan Stone, Rev. Lorraine Thornhill

Presenter(s): George Hinds, DHSP's Director of Youth Employment, and Nadia Davila, Youth Services Specialist

Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) staff present: Janice Alger, Mike Payack (recorder), Ellen Semonoff

I. Welcome, Networking, and Dinner

- Ellen Semonoff welcomed members of the Commission and introduced George Hinds, DHSP's Director of Youth Employment, and Nadia Davila, Youth Services Specialist

II. Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP) and Youth Employment

- George Hinds discussed [MSYEP](#)
  - Intended to serve as a young person's first job experience and exposure to the world of work, the program serves Cambridge youth from age 14 up to the summer after graduating high school
  - Participants are placed in private- and public-sector jobs for six weeks over the summer, with their wages paid by the City of Cambridge
  - Participants engage in weekly skill-building workshops and have the opportunity to attend college tours and program-sponsored social events
- Nadia Davila discussed the [Next Up](#) program
  - Next Up is a pilot program intended to help Cambridge residents, between the ages of 19 and 25 with a high school diploma or equivalent (but not currently enrolled in college), figure out their next step in building a career

III. Upcoming Schedule:

- Mike Payack announced that the next meeting of the Human Services Commission is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018

IV. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Payack, DHSP/Planning & Development