

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: 8
Appointed by: Board of Selectmen
Length of Term: 3 years, staggered terms
Appointments made: September 30
Meeting Times: 4th Tuesday of each month

Description: The Human Services Committee is advisory to the Board of Selectmen. In that capacity it will recommend to the Selectmen human service policies, goals and priorities. It will advise the Selectmen upon issues that arise in the light of the human service policies adopted by the Town; it will, as requested by the Selectmen, oversee the implementation of those policies assuming, as appropriate, the following roles: planning, coordination, evaluation, communication. The Committee will be responsible for suggesting the resources necessary for citizen education about human service needs and services and will be responsible for designing mechanisms for public participation in community human service issues. The Human Services Committee shall report at least annually in writing to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting no later than the end of January. It shall review periodically its composition, purpose and charge, recommending changes as necessary to the Board of Selectmen.

Criteria for Membership: Desirable background experience includes:

- human services management
- planning and evaluation of human services
- fiscal planning
- health care and prevention
- town government
- provision of human services (excluding those significantly associated with providers of human services in Lexington).

Interested citizens without such experience will also be considered.

Ref.: Charge adopted by the Board of Selectmen on August 3, 1981.

Revised 1984, changing annual appointment date.

Revised 1985, changing the length of term.

Revised 1998, approving an amended human services policy.

Selectmen designated as Special Municipal Employees on January 18, 2006.