

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:00pm on 7/2/2019 at the Sunrise Senior Center by Danielle Forem.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Harvey Soufrine present
Sharon Baron present
Abdul Basit present
Richard Hoye present
Olivia Coleman present
Justine Scott absent
Andre Hudon absent

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June meeting were approved.

Open Discussion

Presentation

Charmaine Williams from Hope Inc. gave information on her role with the organization. Hope Inc. is a not for profit organization that handles housing discrimination. There are two offices, one in Dade and one in Broward. Charmaine works out of the Broward office. Her role is to take complaints, advocate for those who feel they have been discriminated against, educate providers, educate first time home buyers, etc. There are 7 protected classes in which people cannot be discriminated by: race, color, religion, national origin, familial status, disability and sex. There are certain criteria that can legally disqualify an applicant from receiving housing which include credit score, income, criminal background, history of evictions and previous residential reference checks. Charmaine also educates and advocates for those requiring service animals or emotional support animals. Charmaine provides training classes for providers which usually lasts about an hour and a half. Those interested in training should contact the Hope Inc. office.

New Business

Danielle Forem gave the board members information on the following upcoming events: July 4th parade and concert event, SHINE counselor returning to the Sunrise Senior Center and the annual Volunteer Luncheon.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00pm by Danielle Forem