

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MARCH 7, 2017

**PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM A**

6:00 P.M.

Present: Chair Lynne Langley, Alison Hamilton, Judy Bunnell, Hannah Dahlgren,
Jonathan Sandberg

Absent: Jamie Baker, Vice-Chair Dani Rooney

Staff: Elise Annunziata, Community Development Coordinator

Chair Langley called the meeting to order and recognized the following individuals to discuss their application for the FY 2017-2018 Public Service Agency Grant Program each agency also described the needs facing their clients, their agency operations and the overall community development challenges over the next five years.

6:00 – 6:15	New Heights Adventures for Teens, Inc. Tracy Tucker, Executive Director
6:15 – 6:30	Portsmouth Housing Authority Shaneikiah Bickham, Program Coordinator
6:30 – 6:45	Rockingham Community Action -- <i>Postponed</i> Keith Bates, Community Services Director
6:45 – 7:00	Seacoast Community School Peter Gilmore, Executive Director

Ms. Tucker described the New Heights program and the scholarships provided to Portsmouth youth. She pointed to transportation and funding sustainability as critical challenges for the program. She described the decrease of critical funding support from the Foundation for Seacoast Health which is expected to decrease to zero beginning with this year.

Ms. Bickham explained the MC3 program to provide after school programming to youth at Gosling Meadows and on-site at one elementary school. The programming serves primarily residents earning low to moderate income. Summer programming is anticipated. The funding for this program comes from 21st Century and is decreased each year. The upcoming year is the last year in that multi year grant. Other funding opportunities have not been fully explored.

Mr. Bates was unavailable for this meeting due to an unexpected emergency. His presentation will be scheduled at a future date.

Mr. Gilmore presented information about the Seacoast Community School's child care program on site at the Community Campus and on site at two Portsmouth elementary schools. The grant funds provide financial assistance for income eligible Portsmouth children.

Chair Langley adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.