



**MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GLENCOE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM**

Village Hall Conference Room
675 Village Court
October 18, 2017 – 6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 6:33 p.m. There was not a quorum present.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Community Relations Forum		
David Wood	Chair	Present
Steven Arenson	Member	Absent
Martin Elisco	Member	Present
Margot Flanagan	Member	Absent
Norris Jackson	Member	Absent
Georgia Mihalopoulos	Member	Present
Maureen Valvassori	Member	Absent
Sasha Von Varga	Member	Absent
Robert Young	Member	Present
Village Staff		
Sharon Tanner	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Other Individuals Present		
Bill Hansen	Executive Director, Family Service of Glencoe	Present

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. January 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- b. April 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- c. June 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- d. September 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were not considered, due to lack of a quorum.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. DISCUSSION MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Chair Wood shared that Family Service of Glencoe Executive Director Bill Hansen will meet with the Forum this evening. The Forum discussed questions to ask Mr. Hansen and other representatives from community organizations to learn about how the organizations functions and community issues that the organizations have observed. Member Young said

that he previously consulted for Glencoe Youth Services and learned that cyber bullying is an issue of concern. Member Elisco suggested that the Forum develop a few questions that they ask each organization, such as the top issues that they have observed.

The Forum discussed interest in contacting the Glencoe PTO to determine if a PTO representative would be interested in meeting with the Forum at the November 15 meeting.

V. MEETING WITH FAMILY SERVICE OF GLENCOE

Chair Wood welcomed Executive Director Hansen and explained that the Forum hopes to come to a better sense of things happening in Glencoe and how the Forum can take a role in the community. Executive Director Hansen provided an overview of Family Service of Glencoe (FSG) and the history of the organization, including its work related to mental and emotional health, counseling, parenting and seniors, as well as FSG's partnership with the Public Safety Department to provide crisis intervention counseling services within the community. Executive Director Hansen said that FSG has experienced an increased need for couples counseling and trauma-related counseling, and that the organization has observed an increase in issues related to cyber bullying.

Member Elisco asked Executive Director Hansen to describe the top three issues that FSG has observed. Executive Director Hansen said that within Glencoe and outside of Glencoe, there is a stigma surrounding mental health, and substance abuse is an area of focus. Executive Director Hansen described studies that have correlated high levels of affluence with increased risk of stress, anxiety and substance usage. Executive Director Hansen described FSG's ongoing partnerships with District 35 and New Trier High School. Executive Director Hansen shared that FSG's mission is to serve all individuals who live or work in Glencoe, regardless of ability to pay. He said that more than half of FSG's counseling clients are served based on a sliding fee schedule and 21% of clients do not pay for services. Chair Wood asked about the major themes that FSG observed from its senior survey. Executive Director Hansen shared that transportation assistance continues to be a theme that FSG observes, as well as issues related to isolation. Executive Director Hansen described FSG's work with senior citizens and partnership with the North Shore Senior Center.

Members of the Forum discussed other organizations that they may wish to meet with, including the PTO, Library, Park District and Public Safety Department.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion by Member Elisco, second by Member Mihalopoulous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.