

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday May 11, 2017

### Town Hall

**Attendance:** R. Veleber, D. Kelleher, M. Pickett, B. Barlok, S. Pappas, S. Stekloff,  
K. Schechter, S. Ferrall, J. Falk  
**Absent:** G. Pawlush, S. Theroux

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

### Approval of April 2017 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the April minutes and made the following changes:

- Kristen Schechter noted that under the Social Services Report the CIU referrals count should be 23.
- Stephanie Ferrall asked that the spelling of her last name be corrected.

Sherry Stekloff made a motion to approve the April 2017 Minutes as amended.

Sue Pappas seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

### Social Services Report:

Kristen Schechter presented the Social Services Report.

There were 46 food vouchers distributed for the month of April, and 12 CIU referrals including 2 Family Violence and 4 Referrals.

### Senior Services Report:

Stephanie Ferrall presented the Senior Services Report on behalf of Stephanie Theroux.

There were 9 working days in March, 23 scheduled appointments, including 3 home visits/transportation evaluations.

There were 121 inquiries which reflect scheduled and unscheduled appointments, telephone calls and emails.

In addition to the above, there was 1 CHAT meeting and 1 Health Fair meeting.

Stephanie Ferrall gave an update on the Wellness Fair to be held on May 19. There will be 29 health related vendors attending. There are four speakers, one speaker every half hour. The hours are 9 till 12. This year the breakfast or the bagged lunch will not be served. Each vendor was asked to provide a healthy snack, such as fruit platters. The Fair has been advertised in the paper.

#### **Old Business:**

DUBA4U (Discreet Undergarment Banking for You), Ways to help Wellness Fair – Senior Center, our participation

Chairman Ruth Veleber asked for an update on this program. Karen Schechter informed the group that it received the ok to start collecting items for the program. She asked if a table could be set up at the Health Fair to do a drop off.

Chairman Ruth Veleber suggested that an informational flyer could be distributed at the Health Fair and she will be available to explain the program at the Fair.

Sue Pappas informed the group that DUBA4U has a van and they pick up the undergarments following a phone call to them. She also contacted DUBA4U and asked them to mail flyers to the Human Services Committee.

Chairman Veleber asked how we can promote this organization after the wellness fair.

Sue Pappas suggested putting the information on the Cheshire Community Board on Facebook.

Sue is willing to put together the post, once the flyers are received from DUB4U.

Sherry Stekloff suggested having flyers available in local doctors' offices. Deb Kelleher proposed sending flyers to Elim Park for the use of its residents. She also suggested that we ask the principals at Elim Park if they would be willing to store the undergarments donated from the public until they are picked up by DUB4U.

Karen Schechter will also accept the undergarments in her office at Human Services.

#### **New Business:**

Deb Kelleher asked Jeff Falk, the Town Council Liaison, about the Governor's budget plan and how this would affect the town senior population. Jeff Falk informed the group that the Town Council believes that the cuts will be able to be absorbed. Human Services and Social Services will not get any budget cuts this year.

Chairman Veleber asked Jeff Falk to provide a Town Council update at each meeting, if there is information relevant to Human Services. Jeff Falk agreed.

#### **Human Services Budget**

Karen Schechter reported that there is a surplus in the budget of \$200.00.

Deb Kelleher asked if these funds can be used for items needed at the Wellness Fair, such as informational flyers.

Stephanie Ferrall stated that there is a great need for the File of Life program folders. The File of Life program is meant to provide quick and easy access to basic medical information including emergency contacts. It is a red magnetic plastic folder that can be easily kept on the refrigerator for speedy access in the event of an emergency.

CHAT has been purchasing them, but they would benefit from receiving monies to purchase more.

A motion was made by Deb Kelleher to donate the surplus money to Social Services for the File of Life booklets. The motion was seconded by Sherry Stekloff. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Stephanie Farrell stated that funds are needed for CHAT. She explained that this is a home grown organization that arranges programs for the residents regarding home safety which includes distributing the File for Life booklets. Stephanie Theroux distributes these during home visits. Deb Kelleher suggested that the pouch could have a sponsor's name in order to save money. Chairman Veleber stated that getting sponsorships is a worthy project for the future.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sue Pappas, at 7:48, seconded by Deb Kelleher. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Room 207-209 in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Izzo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below a horizontal line that serves as a signature line.

Angela Izzo