

CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES

Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 11, 2013 7:00pm
Cheshire Town Hall

Attendance: D. Kelleher, V. Canale, M. Pickett, B. Barlock, B. Trussell, R. Veleber
Staff: K. Schechter, S. Theroux

Call to Order: D. Kelleher called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and determined a quorum.

Guest Speaker: D. Kelleher introduced guest speaker Rev. Fr. Kapriel Mouradjian. Father Kapriel discussed the Community Awareness Program (handout attached). This program is available free of charge to the community. The Human Services Committee would host the program and provide attendees. The ideal number of attendees would be between 20 and 50 people. The program runs two 3-hour sessions including a small dinner. K. Schechter suggested checking to see if the counsel chambers could be used. D. Kelleher suggested offering the program to town employees also. If M. Milone approves, 2 sessions may be needed. The program can be done in the fall. M. Pickett made a motion to bring the CAP program to Cheshire in October for 2 evenings a week apart as long as M. Milone approves. S. Theroux seconded. All members were in favor. D. Kelleher will write to Fr. Kapriel to get ideas for dates in October. S. Theroux mentioned the senior center has a program running October 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Approval of Minutes: R. Veleber made a motion to approve the May 2013 meeting minutes. B. Trussell seconded. All were in favor.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported the Renters Rebate program is still going on. The program is specifically for the elderly and disabled. The rebate is given once per year. 53 food vouchers were given out last month.

Senior Services Report: S. Theroux reported she had 29 scheduled appointments, 1 home visit and 114 inquiries. She discussed the Senior Farmers Market Program. This program provides a \$15 voucher for a Farmers Market to seniors in poverty level. The program is subsidized by the USDA. D. Kelleher suggested putting out a press release. There is a CHAT program being held in August on gambling and financial well-being. The Health and Wellness fair went well. There were many different types of vendors. There will be a wellness-screening event in October. We plan to combine the fair with the screening the following October. B. Trussell stated he works for the hearing center and may be able to help.

Friendly Visitor Program: D. Kelleher presented the posters. They will be kept in K. Schechter's office due to the rain. Please e-mail D. Kelleher or V. Canale where any are put up to keep track. The cost for the posters was \$106. Please give all receipts to K. Schechter. D. Kelleher asked if the program is doing any background checks on the visitors or recipients. B. Barlock stated they do a referral check and interview and

training session. D. Kelleher feels the Committee has an obligation to the town to make sure we have no liability. K. Schechter will check with the town attorney. S. Theroux had a question regarding how she should be handling the phone calls that are coming in. V. Canale advised she only needed to take the message and pass it on to M. Pickett. The program is only using the space and phone at the senior center but it is a separate entity. But if S. Theroux would like to share any helpful information it is always welcome. M. Pickett stated the program has not yet been able to find someone to run the program but is still in the process.

Bi-Laws: D. Kelleher stated there was no update on the bi-laws.

New Business: D. Kelleher stated the Special Needs Awareness Day is June 15. This is a very successful program for special needs adults and children to be registered with the police department. The forms for registering are available on our website and at the police department. D. Kelleher suggested putting this on our agenda to remind people to update forms. We can also suggest to the police department that the Human Services Committee is available to help with this program.

D. Kelleher asked if there was any other new business. M. Pickett asked if there was any letterhead available for the Friendly Visitor Program. K. Schechter will check.

Adjournment: M. Pickett made a motion to adjourn. B. Trussell seconded. All were in favor.

No scheduled meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted by
Leighanne Hartshorn

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Community Awareness Program

The CAP trains individuals from all walks of life and professions to provide support and assistance to individuals and families struggling with addictions such as alcohol, drugs and gambling, as well as other mental health issues.

CAP provides 6 hours of in-depth training with addiction professionals on topics such as available treatment options, community resources, referrals, and ongoing support services, including insurance options.

The end goal is the creation of early intervention within the community and workplace to provide guidance, support and help for those in need.

This program, offered to you without financial cost, is coordinated through Problem Gambling Services- a division of the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

To register, or with any questions, please call
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