

**Cheshire Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes:
Thursday, November 14 2013 7:00 pm
Cheshire Town Hall**

Attendance: D. Kelleher, V. Canale, M. Pickett, B. Barlok, C. Trussell, B. Trussell, R. Veleber
Staff: K. Schechter, S. Ferrall, P. Flynn-Harris

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

Approval of Minutes: B. Trussell made a motion to approve the October 2013 minutes. R. Veleber second. All members were in favor.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported there were 58 food vouchers given out last month. The energy assistance program is ongoing. The department received a large donation of approximately \$10,000 from the Cheshire Lights of Hope. The department uses 80% for help with fuel.

D. Kelleher asked about information on homeless children in Cheshire. K. Schechter responded there were no shelters in Cheshire but there are some in the surrounding communities. Cheshire can still bus the children to school if needed.

Senior Services Report: S. Ferrall stated S. Theroux reported 35 scheduled appointments and 154 inquiries. There have been 3 conference workshops, 3 provider meetings and 4 CHAT programs. The attendance was very good for the programs.

D. Kelleher asked if the Senior Center keeps track of how much use the Senior Center gets now compared to 5 years ago. S. Ferrall responded that they do keep stats on every program and classes. D. Kelleher is asking regarding staffing issues. Do the stats support increased hours in staffing? S. Ferrall stated the staff often works over hours due to need. D. Kelleher also asked if they are working on a budget for next year? The Human Services Committee will support the increase.

Friendly Visitor Update: K. Schechter stated the Committee cannot do the visiting aspect per the attorney, but the committee could explore the option of the friendly phone call. The Committee discussed the options and will continue to share ideas.

By-Laws Update: Tabled until the Committee receives an updated copy.

CAP Update: The dates for the Program will be March 19 and 26. It will be held at the church and we will be inviting foster families to guarantee our minimum attendance. The program will pay for dinner and the foster organization will provide dessert.

New Business: There will be no December meeting

Adjournment: B. Trussell made a motion to adjourn. B. Barlock seconded. All members were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Leighanne Hartshorn