

AMENDED MINUTES
CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from Thursday, January 9, 2014
7:00 pm

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

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

Approval of minutes: M. Pickett made a motion to accept/approve minutes from last meeting.
R. Veleber seconded. All in approval.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported that 55 food vouchers were distributed during the month of December. The Energy Assistance program is currently accepting applications. Cheshire is an intake site. Operation Fuel's assistance program is accepting applications for the winter program as well if energy assistance benefits have been exhausted and criteria is met.

There were also approximately 130 individuals assisted with the holiday program this year, either with meals, gifts, or both.

Social Services currently has an intern from Post University (non-clinical) and is being supervised by K. Schechter.

Senior Services Report: S. Farrell reported that Senior Services Social Worker had had 26 appointments, 103 inquiries. There has been much assistance requested for health insurance/prescription drug coverage, and utility assistance.

There will be a presentation on the Affordable Care Act on January 14th held at the Senior Center at 10:00 am.

S. Theroux also reported seeing a new trend in the younger population (55-60 years old). They usually come in with specific requests for assistance and the Social Worker is trying to meet those needs.

Friendly Visitors Update: Needs to be removed from agenda as there will be no program.

By Laws: No update.

The CAP program was rescheduled. For clarification, the program will be held at the First Congregational Church in Cheshire. Program Flyers have been reprinted and have been distributed through the PowerSchool system.

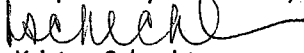
K.Schechter will provide the Yellow House with flyers and ask to be distributed with parent sign in or sign out. Also follow up to see if the flyer can be distributed via Town wide email.

D. Kelleher also stated that she will invite Foster Parents, and S. Theroux stated she will see if she can place an insert in the Senior Center newsletter.

New Business: Meeting schedule for 2014 was accepted by R. Veleber, seconded by V. Canale. All in favor.

V. Canale's term will be ending this month, this is her last meeting.

Adjournment: V. Canale made a motion to adjourn. M. Pickett seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Schechter

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULE 2014

Meetings to be held in the designated Conference Room
at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the scheduled dates.

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Thursday, February 13, 2014

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Thursday, June 12, 2014

July - No Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2014

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Thursday, November 13, 2014

December - No Meeting

Approved at the January 9, 2014 Human Services Committee Meeting

FREE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION TRAINING!

Understanding and Recognizing the Warning Signs of Addictions and Mental Health Issues

Sponsored by the Cheshire Human Services Committee

The **Community Awareness Program**, is a two-part/6 hour training funded by the **Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)** designed to educate the community as well as those individuals and families struggling with understanding and recognizing the warning signs of Addictions and Mental Health Issues.

©Mental illness....substance abuse.....gambling.....©

The CAP training is 6 hours of in-depth training on topics such as community resources, support, treatment options, given by mental health professionals.

Dates: March 19th....6-9pm

March 26th....6-9pm

Where: First Congregational Church

One Church Drive, Cheshire, CT (across from Town Hall)

*****Food and refreshments will be provided. RSVP Required. ADULTS ONLY**

To reserve your seat, please call Deb Kelleher, Co-Chair of the Human Services Committee at 203.640.5627 or email: dgupk@sbcglobal.net