

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday September 14, 2017

Town Hall

Attendance: R. Veleber, M. Pickett, S. Pappas, D. Kelleher, S. Stekloff, B. Barlok
K. Schechter, S. Ferrall

Absent: G. Pawlush, J. Falk

R. Veleber called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 August 2017 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the August minutes and made the following change:

The Senior Services information was presented on behalf of Stefanie Theroux.

S. Pappas made a motion to approve the August 2017 Minutes as amended. .

D. Kelleher and R. Veleber abstained from voting because they were absent at the August 2017 meeting.

S. Stekloff seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Social Services Report:

K. Schechter presented the Social Services Report.

August was a busy month. There were 49 food vouchers distributed for the month of August, and 24 CIU referrals including 11 Family Violence and 13 referrals. Renter Rebate program application deadline is October 1, 2017. Energy assistance applications are now being accepted by appointment.

Senior Services Report:

S. Ferrall presented report.

There were 15 working days, 33 scheduled appointments including 6 home visits/transportation evals.

There were 125 inquiries which reflect unscheduled, telephone calls, and emails. In addition to the above, there were 3 caregiver support meetings and 1 transportation meeting.

Social Work intern continues to provide telephone reassurance. There are several CHAT programs being planned. The Senior Center will have a presence at the Fall Festival and at the Fire Department open house on 10/22/17.

Signups for exercise classes have been very successful; lines have been out the door.

Town Council Update – J. Falk was absent; therefore, there was no update available.

Old Business:

File of Life distribution was discussed. S. Ferrall will look into specifics so the HSC can contribute to cost.

New Business:

There was a general discussion about the opioid issue. K. Schechter reported there was Narcan presentation/training on 9/13/17. There was also a presentation at recent Town Council meeting given by M. Piccerillo, M. Esposito, Chief Dryfe, and Lt. Jortner and discussion followed. Committee members are in favor of more awareness and education for the public.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by D. Kelleher, seconded by B. Barlok. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Room 207-209 in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Schechter