

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 2017

## Town Hall

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

**Absent:** G. Pawlush, J. Falk, S. Theroux

R. Veleber called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 September 2017 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the September minutes.

D. Kelleher made a motion to approve the September Minutes.

S. 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 September, and for the CIU referrals. There were 11 Family Violence Reports and 17 other miscellaneous referrals.

Energy assistance applications continue to be taken. Renters' rebates ended October 1.

K. Schechter attended two Veterans Trainings and one Energy Conference.

The Veterans Training was on veterans benefits and the other was on suicide in the military.

The Veterans Training was held at CCSU.

S. Pappas asked about the food voucher distribution and the SNAP program. K. Schechter explained how the program works, depending on family size and the family income. Some families are able to qualify for one program or both.

**Senior Services Report:**

S. Theroux was not in attendance but submitted the attached report to the Clerk.

There was discussion about alcoholism on the rise for the senior population. S. Pappas inquired about AAA meeting for older adults; S. Ferrall replied that the meetings are listed on the town's website.

There was a suggestion to have someone come and speak about alcoholism at the Senior Center.

**Town Council Update** – Jeffrey Falk was absent; therefore, there was no update.

**Old Business:**

Files of Life distribution – R. Veleber stated that this item will be tabled until the first of the year.

**New Business:**

Letter of Resignation from G. Pawlush - This letter has gone to the Town Clerk.

There was a Motion to accept the Letter of Resignation of G. Pawlush by S. Pappas; seconded by S. Stekloff.

The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

D. Kelleher asked the Chairman for her last day on the Committee. R. Veleber responded that the date is January 31, 2018.

There was a discussion about the increase of opioid use and having a speaker come and have a discussion on this topic.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. Pappas, at 7:45 p.m., seconded by M. Pickett. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Room 207-209 in the Town Hall.

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



Angela Izzo

## Senior Services Report provided by S. Theroux to the Clerk

September 2017:

I had 16 working days with 27 scheduled appointments including 3 home visits/transportation evaluations. 129 inquires which reflects scheduled and unscheduled appointments, telephone and email inquiries.

In addition to the above:

Worked the Fall Festival; Had 1 CHAT Meeting; Had 1 CHAT program (with 7 in attendance); attended one half day conference; attended 1 full day conference; and attended 1 M-team meeting.

BSW student from SCSU also started in September and will be with me 14-16 hours per week until the beginning of May 2018.