

CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 8, 2012

7:00 pm

Attendance: Meredith Sturges, Vicki Canale, Martha Pickett, Barbara Barlok

Staff: Stephanie Ferrall, Kristen Schechter

Call to Order: M. Sturges called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and determined a quorum.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported forty nine (49) food vouchers were distributed. The energy assistance program is in full swing and will continue until May 15th.

The Adopt a Family program will start this month and will be continuing until the Christmas holiday.

Senior Services Report: The new social worker will be starting by the end of November. S. Farrell is currently participating in CHOICES training.

There will be a Veteran's breakfast on Friday 11/9/12 at the Senior Center to recognize those Veterans of the Cheshire community that have served our country.

S. Farrell has informed the committee that there is difficulty maintaining high attendance with programs.

New Business: M. Pickett has stated the Friendly Visitor's program will start on a limited basis hopefully in January 2013.

They will start with outreach to local religious organizations. Program will need some space, possibly at the Sr. Center for an "office", that a volunteer coordinator could utilize about 4 hours per week.

B. Barlok will be coordinating and providing necessary training, and discussion was held about background checks.

Motion was made by M. Pickett to advertise the Friendly Visitor's Program in the Sr. Center bulletin and in the Cheshire Herald or the Citizen. Accepted by V. Canale and seconded by M. Sturges

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Schechter