

## **Cheshire Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 14, 2013 7:00pm

Cheshire Town Hall

Attendance: M. Sturges, M. Pickett, R. Veleber, B. Trussell, V. Canale, D. Kelleher.

Staff: K. Schechter, S. Theroux, S. Ferrall, J. Sima.

Call to Order: M. Sturges called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and determined a quorum. All members were introduced which served as roll call.

Approval of Minutes: D. Kelleher made a motion to approve the February 14, 2013 minutes. V. Canale seconded. All were in favor.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported there were 55 food vouchers given out last month. The energy assistance program ends tomorrow, but applications are still available until May 1. Crisis intervention continues and continues to follow up on domestic violence cases.

Senior Services Report: S. Ferrall introduced S. Theroux. She has been at the senior center about 4 months now. She has put many programs into place such as the caregiver support group, round table reviews and home visits. They are still doing surveys etc. to assess what programs are still needed. The dynamics of the center are changing. They are serving more independent people. The center is becoming more well rounded. They are researching finding a new nurse for the center.

Friendly Visitor Program: M. Pickett reviewed that the program will provide a friendly visitor to someone in need. Once a week a recipient who is 55 or older or who is physically disabled will get a visit from a volunteer. So far the program has about 17 volunteers and 1 recipient. B. Barlock is running the training program at the senior center next Thursday for the volunteers. She has run a program similar to this for many towns. As we get more information out about the program we should get more recipients. We may be incorporating a friendly weekly phone call service also. We would like to name the program The Cheshire Friendly Visitor Program. V. Canale made a motion to approve the name. M. Pickett seconded. All members were in favor. The next sub committee meeting will be April 11, 2013 at 6:30pm.

New Business: New committee members and staff were introduced. The next meeting will be April 11, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: D. Kelleher made a motion to adjourn. V. Canale seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by  
Leighanne Hartshorn