

Cheshire Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2013 7pm

Cheshire Town Hall

Attendance: M. Sturges, M. Pickett, V. Canale, B. Barlok, D. Kelleher, B. Trussell, R. Veleber. Staff: K. Schechter, S. Ferrall.

Call to Order: M. Sturges called the meeting to order, determined a quorum and let the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: D. Kelleher made a motion to accept the March 2013 meeting minutes. M. Pickett seconded. All were in favor.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported there were 57 food vouchers given out last month. The renters rebate program started April 1. This is a one time yearly payout of \$200-\$700 depending on income qualifications.

Senior Services Report: S. Ferrall reported that S. Theroux stated she had 24 scheduled visits and 3 home visits and many inquiries this month and all is running smoothly. The CHAT survey results will be posted April 30th. M. Pickett shared that someone had given her very positive feedback regarding the senior transportation services.

Cheshire Friendly Visitor Program: M. Pickett stated the program is off to a good start. They met with the first recipient and are about to place them with a visitor. They have trained 9 volunteers and have about 9 others on standby for the next training session. They are still looking for ways to attract those who need visitors. They also need someone to run the program. V. Canale suggested S. Borden. She is interested but there is nothing definite yet. They will check to see what needs to be done to place her in that position. S. Ferrell gave the letters she received for the visitor program to M. Pickett. S. Ferrell suggested the Health and Wellness Program at the Senior Center would be a good venue to promote the visitor program. All agreed.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday for the friendly visitor booth at the Home and Garden Expo. M. Pickett will be there from 9-11. B. Barlock will be there from 11-1 and M. Sturges will be there from 12-2. V. Canale made the posters and printed the flyers. M. Pickett will bring the applications.

New business: M. Sturges has been continuing to try to get an additional member to the committee. She also suggested discussing elections. Elections are usually done in April. The positions are Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. V. Canale made a motion to call nominees. D. Kelleher seconded. All were in favor. M. Pickett nominated V. Canale for Chairman. V. Canale nominated D. Kelleher for Chairman. There were no other nominations. M. Pickett made a motion for V. Canale and D. Kelleher to Co-Chair. B. Trussell seconded. All were in favor. V. Canale asked for nominations for Secretary. V. Canale nominated M. Pickett. There were no other nominations. V. Canale made a motion to vote for M. Pickett for secretary. B. Trussell seconded. All were in favor.

It was suggested that the committee review the bi-laws to see if they need to be updated or changed. The town also needs an updated list of committee members and meeting dates.

D. Kelleher asked if she could add information to the Cheshire Cares facebook page to go along with the website. K. Schechter said she would look into it and get back to her. V. Canale asked if S. Ferrell could send her the updated bus schedule to post on the website. D. Kelleher asked if we could find out how much money the Committee has available.

The next Cheshire Friendly Visitor sub committee meeting is scheduled for May 9 at 6:30pm. The next Human Services Meeting is scheduled for May 9 at 7:00pm.

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

Submitted by
Leighanne Hartshorn