

## CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from Thursday October 10, 2013

7:00 pm

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

Staff: S. Farrell, K. Schechter

Call to order: D. Kelleher called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and determined a quorum.

Approval of minutes: R. Veleber made a motion to accept/approve minutes from last meeting. B. Trussell seconded. All in approval.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported that 56 food vouchers were distributed during the month of September. The State Energy Assistance program is currently accepting applications. Cheshire is an intake site. The Renter's Rebate program has ended.

Social Services currently has an intern from Post University (non-clinical) and is being supervised by K. Schechter. General discussion about the Government shutdown and any effects on the people receiving State services.

Senior Services Report: S. Farrell reported that Senior Services Social Worker had had 22 appointments, 125 inquiries, and 1 home visit during the month of September.

The Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group series is currently under way. It is a four part series. Respite is available for those requiring it if necessary. Roundtable review and CHAT program continue.

The annual Wellness Fair was held.

Friendly Visitors Update: B. Barlok did research on similar programs throughout the state and provided handout on such with contact information. Topic of liability was brought up, and it was unclear to some members as to why this would be an issue. K. Schechter reiterated the Town Attorney's suggestions and recommended the program continue to be on hold.

The question was raised as to whether or not the program could be changed to a Friendly Phone call. K. Schechter will follow up.

The CAP program was revisited. The first series needed to be cancelled due to low attendance.

D.Kelleher will be in contact with Father Kapriel. Program Flyers will need to be reprinted.

New Business: No new business

Adjournment: M. Pickett made a motion to adjourn. B. Barlok seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Schechter