

CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES

COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from Thursday, May 8, 2014

Attendance: Deb Kelleher, Bob Trussell, Ruth Veleber, Cathy Trussell, Barbara Barlok, Kristen Selleck
Staff: Stefanie Theroux, Kristen Schechter

Call to order: D. Kelleher determined a quorum, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from March's meeting could not be approved because there were not enough committee members present from that meeting to approve.

Minutes from April: Kristen Selleck was not listed on attendance but she was, in fact, present at April meeting. S. Theroux wanted to clarify the Senior Center Social Worker Services report to the following: The Sr. Services SW had 15 working days, and there were 27 scheduled appointments during that time period.

A motion to accept those minutes ,and minutes as amended for April, was made by R. Veleber, K. Selleck seconded. All were in favor.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported that 52 food vouchers were distributed during the month of April. The Energy Assistance program will accept applications for those households utility heated with a shutoff notice only at this time. Cheshire is an intake site. CIU report: there has been a slight increase in the number of new cases.

Senior Services Report: S. Theroux reported that Senior Services Social Worker had had 34 scheduled appointments, 151 inquiries, and 3 home visits that occurred during 16 working days. S. Theroux also attended CHOICES training and there were 2 provider meetings and the Caregiver Support Group continues.

There is currently an intern at the senior center under S. Theroux, and there will be another one in the fall. Transportation assessments will start effective 5/1/14. The plan is to review policies and plan to have them in place by June 1, 2014.

Old Business: D. Kelleher reported that Marlene McGann from DMHAS will not be able to do presentation on Inhalants for our June 12th meeting. K. Schechter will ask P. Hartman from the Cheshire Community Food Pantry to speak to the group on that date.

D. Kelleher will follow up on Inhalant presentation and hope for a session in October. S. Theroux will check on availability of Senior Center.

New Business: Officer Elections-Members who are Officers now will stay until replaced. K. Selleck volunteered to be co-chair with D. Kelleher. M. Pickett stated previously that she would stay on as Secretary.

This will be voted on next meeting.

No other New Business to report.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm by B. Trussell, seconded by R. Veleber.

Adjournment: B. Trussell made a motion to adjourn at 7:46pm. R. Veleber seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Schechter