

CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

Attendance: K. Selleck, M. Pickett, R. Veleber, C. Trussell, B. Trussell, B. Barlok

Staff: S. Farrell, K. Schechter

Quorum was determined and meeting was called to order at 7:05.
Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Trussell made a motion to accept minutes from March meeting. R. Veleber seconded. All were in favor.

Social Services Report: There were 42 food vouchers distributed for the month of March. Energy Assistance program closed as of March 16th. Renters rebate program begins April 1st, applications will start being accepted in the middle of the month in Cheshire.

Senior Services: There were 18 working days for the month of March. There were 339 scheduled appointments including transportation assessments, 180 inquiries (telephone calls, emails). The monthly support group continues and there were 4 participants. The Alzheimer's caregiver series was well attended. Over the 4 week session there were 13, 19, 16, 17 attendees. Social worker attended 3 conferences, and continues to mentor an intern that has been assisting with transportation assessments and telephone reassurance program.

S. Farrell reported they have been noticing an increase in requests for information on dementia related issues.

K. Selleck reported that she attended the Town Council meeting regarding the budget in support of/advocating for the increase in hours for Senior Services Social worker (5 hrs) and the senior Center Program Supervisor (5hrs). B. Trussell was also in attendance. Committee is concerned about how the State budget cuts will affect current services and therefore place an increase demand on services at the local level.

New business: Vote on the nominated slate for Committee.

K. Selleck for Chairperson. R. Veleber for Vice-Chair, M. Pickett for Secretary.

B. Barlok made a motion to accept nominations, C. Trussell seconded, all in favor.

S. Farrell brought up for discussion the possibility of having volunteers ride on the bus in case more assistance is needed by drivers, looking for feedback from committee members. K. Selleck will speak with Town council liaison.

M. Pickett made a motion to adjourn meeting, R. Veleber seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Schechter