

Human Services Committee  
Minutes  
May 12, 2016

Members present: R. Veleber, D. Kelleher, G. Pawlush, B. Barlok, S. Pappas

Staff: S. Theroux, K. Schechter

A quorum was determined and meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. R. Veleber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Social Services Report:

There were 51 food vouchers distributed during the month of April. There were only 2 family violence reports forwarded to CIU. There were other referrals that required follow up or family support.

The Police and Fire Departments will be holding a Special Needs Awareness Day Saturday June 18, 2016. The intention of this program is to make available valuable, time saving, and perhaps lifesaving information to police, fire, and EMS in the event that they are called to respond to an incident involving your loved one. The information requested allows responders to be better prepared to care for the child in an emergency situation. The information obtained is held in strict confidence and is not available to the public. Further information will be publicized in the Herald and the form is available online through the police department website.

Senior Services Report (Social Worker):

The senior services social worker had a total of 15 working days, 38 scheduled appointments, 10 home visits/transportation assessments. There were 180 inquiries that include tel. calls, emails, scheduled and unscheduled appointments.

There was a CHAT planning meeting, 1 caregiver support group, a volunteer luncheon, and the social worker also attended CPR/AED training.

Senior Services Report (Programs):

On Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm there will be a program called "We Need to Talk" given by AARP/CHAT about safe driving and the challenges that one may face when worried about safety driving.

On June 10, 2016 the Open House Grand Opening for the newly remodeled Lower Level of the Senior Center is planned.

There was a general discussion about the increased need for transportation among seniors, and general discussion about the recent budget cuts with state services and how it may affect locally.

Old Business:

The video game/Internet addiction program was pretty well attended and the program went well and was very informative.

Update on subcommittee for the opiate addiction program was given.

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:45 by G. Pawlush, S. Pappas seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Schechter