

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – May 2, 2023

Present: Luke Simon, David White, Marcia Shell, Dawn Berry, Mary Reidy, Nan McNicholas, and Alicia Presti.

The April minutes were approved.

Luke Simon's term has ended, and we expressed our appreciation for his valuable contributions to our work. Marcia Shell will take the lead on HHS community resources project. Each month we will add to the resources by categories.

Alicia and Marcia will offer to meet with the web designer for the town if input is desired.

Surveying the Community Update

Survey Monkey has been distributed to- Facebook, School newsletters, Susan Covert's newsletter, Hopkinton Community Facebook pages, Hopkinton Democrats, Methodist Church, First Church, St. Andrew's Church and Community Church. Hard copies are located at the Slusser Center, library, town hall and Legion. 79 online responses have been submitted to date. About 50% of respondents are familiar with Human Services.

We decided to close the survey on June 1.

Park Ave Apt Social

June 13 from 1 to 2:30 pm. Mary will bring a blood pressure cuff. Dave will check with Riverside for ice cream donations. Marcia will check on the availability of a Seeing Eye Dog. If the dog is not available, we will make other plans at our June meeting. Games could be a back up, like corn hole, if the weather is nice.

Senior Lunch June 14 at noon

HSAC is hosting the lunch. We will focus on a Father's Day theme. Menu: pork sliders, cole slaw (Marcia), baked beans (Dave), and strawberry shortcake (Mary and Alicia). Alicia will find a little gift for Father's Day.

Report of the Human Services Coordinator – Alicia Presti

- VNA program "Better Balance, Better You" went very well. 33 were in attendance. June 14th's program will likely be "Change the Way You Age" focusing on 7 dimensions of wellness.
- Participated in the scholarship committee for the determination of recipients of the Hopkinton Woman's Club Community Scholarships.
- Low and moderate income homeowner property tax relief applications became available last week. Alicia has printed out copies to offer at the senior lunch. She will also promote the applications online.

- Summer Camp Scholarships- still need to go over the total fund amount donated; however, it has been a generous year. So far, 26 weeks of recreation camp and swim have been granted . There should be additional funds to cover any additional requests that come in or to assist with recreation programs throughout the year.
- Website updates (mission statement etc..) have been submitted to Cara for approved changes to be made.
- Assistance money granted in April-
\$420.00 electric
\$512.37 heating
1 new household signed up for food pantry.

Survey results will help focus the programming and priorities.

Alicia will be updating the welfare guidelines and NH Gap computer data.

Housing Committee Update: Dawn

First meeting will be May 4 at 4 pm.

Service Fair for March/April 2024

Exhibits of service products for at home living. It was suggested to include a comparison of health plans. Brochures will need to be done by then.

New Business

Marcia will order 2 signs with the Human Services logo and QR code and a mug.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Berry

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6th at 4 pm Slusser Center