

## HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2021

Present: Mary Reidy; Nan McNicholas; Allita Paine, chairperson; Dawn Berry; Pam Manus; Alicia Presti.

Correction to November minutes: Park Avenue, not Parkland. The November minutes approved.

### Report of the Human Services Coordinator

- Food Pantry Volunteers all secured
- Scouting for Food was very successful, and the Food Pantry was well stocked for Thanksgiving and following. First Church provided some perishables for the Thanksgiving baskets. Going into Christmas, the Food Pantry is still reasonably stocked. The Food Pantry is partnering with Capitol Regional Food Program for holiday baskets.
- Connected with School nurses and has already received a referral.
- Another meeting with the School Family Support Team.
- The greatest human need right now is for fuel assistance.
- Operation Christmas includes about 20 families. There is a lot of generosity in the community who stepped forward to help, including Storms Fitness providing some Senior needs, the Methodist Church, Town Hall, Rotary, First Church, the Peer Outreach at HMHS with Operation Christmas, and more are coming forward. The Turkey Trot and Santa breakfast will also provide some extra funds for needs. The breakfast is a takeout with Santa waving because of Covid. Santa also appeared at Starry, Starry Weekend.
- Plan in the new year is to start of Face Book page or other media for needs.
- Budget has \$3,000 remaining as Alicia has tried to access other resources.

Nan McNicholas will connect Alicia with New London Wish List.

### Brochure Discussion

We decided to shop by price and quantity looking for the best deal for maximum spending of \$300 on printing. Mary will bring samples of folding and arrangement of panels to Alicia for the final decision. Appreciation was expressed to Mary for her work.

No plans for sponsoring an event with the increase of Covid infections.

### Centerpiece Creation

Allita and Marilyn will lead a multi-age group of 12 in centerpiece creation.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn C. Berry

