

Minutes of the Human Services Advisory Committee
November 1, 2022

Present: Mary Reidy, Luke Simon, Marcia Shell, Dawn Berry, and Alicia Presti.
Minutes of October 4, 2022 were accepted as corrected.

Report of the Human Services Coordinator – Alicia Presti

- Park Avenue Potluck in October went well. Dawn assisted. January program could focus on staying healthy during the winter months. Mary would like to offer blood pressure checks. In December, Alicia is planning to deliver gifts and food in person.
- Wellness Wednesdays Program: Fall prevention program presented by the VNA was well attended (about 20) in October. In December will focus on wellbeing during Holidays and winter months – physical, mental, and emotional.
- Lions Club donated coats that are being distributed. Alicia will bring some to Park Avenue.
- Attended NHWLLA quarterly meeting. Alicia was trained on updates around the phase out of Medicaid as the Federal Emergency comes to an end. At some point in 2023 redeterminations for Medicaid will begin again for every three months.
- October 21 ERAP federal funds were ended which will impact homelessness. No new applications or renewals will be accepted after that date. Anything in process will proceed and funds will be issued if the applicant is eligible.
- NOHH – National Organization of Human Services – online annual workshop and conference. Alicia was invited by Dennis Martino and attended workshops on Implicit Bias, Advocacy, and Mindfulness in Working with Clients.
- Completed training for and started entering households in the computer system for the Capital Regional Food Program's Christmas vouchers. The households include about 80 families.
- Christmas Wish Lists were distributed to families.
- Conducted outreach to community to see about any untapped need.
- Organizing and collaboration for Food Drives in the community: October, Rotary did a month-long collection. Lion's Club collected one Saturday at the Colonial Village and Hopkinton Village Store. In November, HMHS and MSS will hold food drives. Dottee Brown will place around town over Starry Weekend and through the month of December to collect food for Christmas.
- Working with Mary Congoran to provide Thanksgiving meals to individuals/couples/families in our community via Dimitri and his family. Let me know if you know of anyone who could use a cooked, delivered meal for Thanksgiving.
- Welfare Expenses: \$453.53 electric and \$482.11 heat.

Logo for Human Services: Marcia came up with a design and will send it out.

Resource List: we will divide the list into categories and share the work.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn C. Berry

Next meeting: February 7, 2023 at 4 pm Slusser Center

