Human Services Advisory Committee October 5, 2021

Present: Allita Paine, chair; Pam Manus; Mary Reidy by phone; Dawn Berry; Nan McNicholas; and Alicia Presti, Human Services Coordinator.

We gathered at 4:00 pm in the Slusser Center where Alicia's office is and introduced ourselves to Alicia describing our backgrounds. Alicia shared her extensive experience.

The September 14, 2021 minutes were approved.

Old Business Updates

The Dial-a-Ride committee is not able to develop a survey of need nor provide volunteers for a respite service at this time. Insurance coverage would also be an issue since Dial-a-Ride is no longer under the umbrella of Friends.

There is a need to help recruit volunteers for Dial-a-Ride. Suggestions were made for recruiting volunteers: more publicity, clear job descriptions, going to the blood drive.

We discussed ways to rejuvenate the use of the Slusser Center when the covid crisis ends. Suggestions: inviting to people to view the center as more of a community center open to more age groups and with more varied programs. Alicia will talk with Paula about ways of getting more volunteers and inviting people to come to the center.

We shared our updated information for the brochure. Dawn will send the notes via email, and Mary will work on a draft.

Report of the Human Services Coordinator

Alicia reported on the budget. This report includes expenditures as of 9/31/2021. Allocations for the month of September: no food expenses; no fuel expenses; \$875 for housing; \$66.43 for electricity; and \$99.30 as other. Total expenditures: \$1,040.73 for September.

Year to Date expenditures: \$0 for food; \$39,729.84 for housing; \$381.71 for fuel; \$2,976.80 for electricity; and \$99.30 for other.

Total expended out of the \$50,000 budget is \$43,187.65; leaving 14% of the budget remaining for the fourth quarter of 2021 or \$6812.35. Although some line items are under budget, housing expenditures are over budget which seem to be a sign of the times with increasing demand and cost of rentals.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Berry, Scribe