

Human Services Advisory Committee  
Minutes – April 4, 2022

Present: Mary Reidy, Dawn Berry, and Alicia Presti

The minutes of March 7, 2022 were accepted.

Potential Candidates

We have two potential candidates. We will be checking with Nan and Pam via email in regard to filling the open position.

Report of the Human Services Coordinator

Alicia reported the following:

- Finishing up the lingering applications for Food Pantry.
- Facilitated volunteer training for the Food Pantry and scheduling for the summer. In May the plan is open weekly rather than bi-weekly as it is now.
- Assisted 2 clients for redetermination of CAP; provided housing help and welfare checks.
- 2 weeks of Senior Lunches were cancelled and are now doing in person dining.
- Dial A Ride is delivering meals to 6 persons who are unable to go out.
- Alicia will coordinate with Dial A Ride for a presentation at Park Avenue to promote the understanding of the services.
- Human Service display was at Town Meeting. Dawn and Alicia worked the table.
- Wednesday and Thursday, Alicia will do a presentation on Human Services for High School careers days.
- Requests are coming in for Fuel Assistance to finish out the heating season.
- Uptick of requests for rent assistance in March at \$2700, and there are already requests for April. If people qualify for rental assistance, they receive what they need. The line item for rental assistance increased following Town Meeting from \$40,000 to \$45,000 to meet the anticipated need; thereby increasing the total annual budget from \$50,000 to \$55,000.
- \$223.71 gas help provided.
- Heating assistance was \$745.20 from the fund of donations.
- A camp scholarship request received for 14 weeks. Donations have come in that will cover only half the amount of the request so far. Publicity has appeared in the newspaper, Messenger, Facebook, and through Susan Covert. Alicia will continue to publicize. One week of camp is \$200.
- Human Services Logo design is still in limbo. High School graphic design students have not responded. Mary will check with her daughter for suggestions.

With the completion of Allita Paine's term, we need a chairperson. Mary will serve as the acting chair through May. When the agenda for the meeting goes out with the date reminder, an RSVP will be requested for attendance.

**Next Meeting: May 3 at 4 pm at the Slusser Center.**

Respectfully submitted, Dawn C. Berry