

*Foxboro Council on Aging and Human Services
Board Meeting January 20, 2011*

Present: Chairperson Joanne Pratt, Vice Chairperson Jerry Norwood, Secretary Ann Alibrandi, Director Vicki Lowe, Vivian Pitts, Elaine Biggieri, Wendy Haney, Lloyd Gibbs, Jeanne Bonneau And Colin Haney

Absent/Excused: HESCO Representative Tenny Nevins and Ex-officio Ed O'Leary

The meeting called to order at 5:pm by Joanne Pratt

The minutes of December 16, 2010 accepted as amended

Budget: There are no issues with unanticipated spending. We have had a few donations in December. The Mass Bankers Charitable Foundation through Foxboro Federal Bank has given us a donation of \$1500.00. Dennis Parente has been trying to get something for us for a few years this is the first time he got the award for us. We received a donation again from the Masonic Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter in North Attleboro. This is the second year they have given us \$500.00. The Elks Lodge in Mansfield gave a donation in memory of John McNamara for \$490.00.

Director's Report:

Activities calendars are in the folders with the month's events. Thank you to all who helped with the Men's Breakfast today.

- Advisory Board meeting was last night. Vicki gave a presentation, there were questions asked, we'll see what if anything happens. Kevin is asking for a Human Resources Manager and in Vicki's meeting with him and Randy it seems doubtful that any other positions will be approved. Vicki gave thanks to the board members who came to support her at this meeting (Elaine, Joanne, Wendy, and Lloyd). The subcommittee from the Advisory Board is Bob Garber, Steve Udden, Jeff Rudd and Cindy Khafliia.
- Vicki has arranged a training for area outreach workers and HESSCO case management with the founder of H.O.M.E. (Homeowners Options for Massachusetts Elders), Len Raymond. These are the people who see seniors in trouble and can make referrals early on before a senior is facing foreclosure or bankruptcy. His group helps elders who are in economic crisis and is an expert on reverse mortgage counseling and works closely with the Division of Banks.(DOB) There are predatory lenders who are mailing out information and/or advertising in senior publications trying to make a RM appear to be a new government funded program. Len reported that the number of Mass seniors who have filed for bankruptcy has increased by 300% over the last year. This program was the result of Vicki speaking to Len and faxing to other COA's an ad that was in the Neponset Valley Senior News. Len sent the copy of the letter to DOB and a cease and desist order has been sent to the lender plus a \$10,000 fine.
- We have had a snowy January. Kevin's snow policy will be to make a judgment and let people know as early as possible if he is shutting down for non essential employees. He wants Highway to concentrate on making the roads safer. There has also been a lot of

discussion about snow removal at the Dept. Head meeting. We may be setting some parameters of how much snow fall would require Hwy. Dept assistance. The problem is they can help but it will be in 24-48 hours this matter is still up for discussion.

- Vicki is on an Employee Benefits committee with Randy and other dept. staff. They will be comparing non union employee benefits to union employees in Foxboro and surrounding towns. They have working groups who will be meeting weekly through February. The report will present it to employees and get it on the warrant for the May Town Meeting.
- There have been meetings with 2 more architects, Joe Rizza and John Catlin. They are supposed to send us a work plan for a feasibility study, for the new Senior Center.
- There were 60 people that attended the trip to Patriot Place and enjoyed the lunch at CBS
- There will be a luncheon at Lake View Pavilion on March 17th.

Human Services Report – During the month, 70 clients were seen and a report for the month was given.

Old Business: No parking lot changes will take place before spring.

New Business: The Foxboro Historical Society has requested that they be able to meet at the Senior Center while the library is being repaired. A motion was made to grant this request by Lloyd and seconded by Jerry. Vote was taken and all agreed.
The HESCO report was read by Vicki.

Friends: There was no January Friends meeting this month.

Citizen Input: Paul Dumas reported on the Men's Breakfast, Kevin Paicos talk about Afghanistan. He also suggested that the Human Service Report tell us the general nature of the seventy clients seen. He inquired did we have a liaison to the Advisory Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi

NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2011