

Council on Aging and Human Services

Board Meeting February 20, 2014

Present: Director Vicki Lowe, Chairperson Joanne Pratt, Vivian Pitts, Collin Haney, Betty Travers, Lloyd Gibbs, Vivian Pitts, Ann Alibrandi and HESSCO representative Helen Rice

Absent/Excused: Elaine Biggieri, Wendy Haney and Jerry Norwood

Meeting Called to order at 5:00pm by Joanne Pratt

Minutes of January 23, 2014 accepted

Budget:

We are slightly overspent in the operating budget. Randy is aware that we may need a transfer which Vicki would need to make a decision on in May. This is due to needing to replace the back furnace, which was an unexpected expense (line item # 524010 – we have spent 108.6% to date).

Director's Report:

MCOA has purchased the license to 'Benefits Check-up' which gives COAs access to screening clients to 200 different programs. Vicki is will be looking for funding for a laptop and internet 3-G service so that Pam and Ken can access clients at home.

Vicki attended the MMA Annual Conference manning the Local Officials Human Services table. Vicki has made our Human Services Resource Guides available. They were very well received by other towns throughout the state.

We had another Foxboro Linked Together meeting with town departments and service providers. About 30 people attended. The guest speaker, Marnie McDonald from North Shore Center for Hoarding & Cluttering, give a presentation about understanding the mental health issues behind the hoarder. Pam & Ken will be working on setting up a support group for people in this situation. We have several hoarding situations that we are involved with in the community.

AARP tax preparation started on 2/4. We have 6 workers, 3 / 2 days per week and they are booked solid.

We will be filming a new cable program on 2/25 called, 'Make Your Movements Count' with Joyce Collins, one of our YMCA instructors. There are 5 seniors of varying ability who will be part of the program. The goal is for viewers to follow along at home or see a program that they may want to attend at the senior center. Joyce has certifications in several areas so Vicki hopes to be able to offer a few different programs.

We will be having a legislative luncheon at the Norwood Senior Center on 3/3.

Helen gave us the HESSCO report. She informed us that HESSCO had a new system that helped them audit their vendors. She said that they felt that this would be a very useful tool. HESSCO also is sponsoring several fund raisers.

Friends of Foxboro Seniors president Paul Dumas told us that the Foxboro friends had voted to donate \$1,000 to the Discretionary Fuel Fund of which \$250 had already been given. The Friends also will donate \$100 to be a sponsor the HESSCO road race. The Friends also will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Dick Thompson. There will be fund raising for this in the future. There will be a tribute to Dick on April 19th the planning is just being made.

Old Business:

We are having a meeting of the senior tax workers who are in the program on March.5th at 2 pm. We will inform them of the changes and they will need to complete 'employee' paperwork. The people in this program are covered under all of the town's insurances and have been since the program began. Considering these people as employees has no additional cost to the town in that respect.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00pm made by Lloyd and seconded by Collin.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi