

Human Services Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 24, 2019 Meeting - DRAFT

Present: Ethel Mantzaris, Chair (Youth Services Advisory Committee); Ron Baker (Member at Large); Marie Hakmiller (MSCA)

Absent: Lorraine Kenowski (Member at Large); Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM); Will Bigl (Commission on Aging)

Staff: Pat Schneider (Director of Human Services); Katie Bell (Youth Services Supervisor); Dorothy Del Valle (Human Services Administrative Services Specialist)

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

The minutes from the January 30, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Pat Schneider reported the Betsy Hamill Memorial Campership donations have been arriving and approximately \$3,000 has been received to date. Donations are expected to be collected for at least the next few weeks.

Pat also stated the staff have been working on updating the names and procedures surrounding the Special Needs program. This program is now being referred to as Neighbors Helping Neighbors which promotes a friendlier connotation to the program. In addition, this program continues to directly pay funds to vendors as well as assist with approved clients utilities or rent. She also stated the sixth month residency requirements for the use of the food bank has been removed to aid new residents with food insecurities. The department is also developing a new summer food program or summer survival food box for low income individuals and families with more information to come.

Katie Bell reported the school programs are ending with the summer programming ramping up.

Pat Schneider updated the committee on the various initiatives at the Senior Center. The Maple Café is scheduled to open in June 2019 and strategic planning is set to begin in September 2019.

In relation to the Agency Grants and the budget Pat stated the award amounts have been adjusted and the No Freeze Shelter has been eliminated from the awarded list.

Pat also suggested the board members look to invite additional members to join the committee such as an advocate for persons with disabilities or other service public agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Next Meeting will be held on September 25, 2019