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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2023

Ellington Human Services

31 Arbor Way

6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Debi Newton, Lenora Williams,
Diane Harding, Pat Szafir, Hocine Baouche

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Stack - Director of Human Services; Stephen Clapp – Elderly
Outreach; Kelly Hearn - Recording Secretary; Sharon Redfern –
Cornerstone Foundation

1. Call to Order: Debi Newton called the meeting to order 6:04pm.

2. Speaker from Cornerstone Foundation: Sharon Redfern

Alyssa provided an overview/history on how Cornerstone was started and the various services that they provide:

- Numerous shelter locations in Vernon/Rockville – individuals are placed here by calling 211 only.
- Food Pantry
- Clothing Bank
- Diaper Bank
- Community Soup Kitchen

This foundation utilizes volunteers to run many of the services they provide. They are able to provide these services through donations from the community. Some other seasonal programs that they provide are a Back-to-School program, Prom boutique, Halloween boutique, and a Christmas program.

Sharon also spoke about a new program that is in the works that will provide meal delivery to homebound individuals. Other topics discussed were potential grant opportunities and the pros and cons associated with those opportunities.

3. Approval of Minutes:

MOVED (NEWTON) SECONDED (WILLIAMS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 MEETING.

4. Citizens' Forum: None

5. Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule:

MOVED (NEWTON) SECONDED (WILLIAMS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE.

6. Director Monthly Summary

- a.) Sustainable CT: Food insecurity Survey. Survey responses are being collected – paper copies at Senior Center, Town Hall, Library. Digital copies posted online on the town website and social media.
- b.) Holiday – Thanksgiving & Christmas signups are being collected.
- c.) Miscellaneous: In October Human Services participated in the Trail of Treats event and had a Medicare presentation.

7. Adjournment:

MOVED (BAOUCHE), SECONDED (NEWTON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJORN THE MEETING AT 7:02 PM.

Submitted By:

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Kelly Hearn, Recording Secretary