


2025 JAN 14 AM 11:16

REC'D BY: 

Special Meeting

Social Services Agenda for Friday, January 17th

Meeting at Suffield Community Aid, 450 South St from 8:00-9:00am

1. Call to Order and Roll – Welcome Mark Blackaby
2. Review and approve minutes from December
3. Public Comment
4. Updates (no formal report needed)
 - a. Bethany Sullivan – Seniors
 - b. Kelly Giannuzzi – Youth and Families
 - c. Mary Curtin – Suffield Community Aid
 - d. Jason Joyce – Suffield Housing Authority (may not be able to attend)
 - e. Commission Members – ommunity needs, observations, participation in recent events
5. Old Business
 - a. Police/Fire/EMT course for Kids and phone safety
 - b. Ways to Improve Communication for Families - podcasts
 - c. Anxious Generation – share presentation highlights and next steps; recording available?
 - i. Book discussion
 - ii. Student panel
 - iii. Small groups of parents?
 - iv. Engage school counselors, experts?
 - v. Podcast – program for parents with kids about technology
 - d. Seniors' ideas for future programs (What Keeps You Up at Night)
 - e. Penpal program with kids and seniors (Can we find the SHS student who's interested?)
 - f. Audio book effort with Suffield Intermediate School (Joy Tierney)
 - i. Start with popular books at the Intermediate school, especially for struggling readers.
 - ii. Get input from SHS and SMS advisory board on favorite books
 - iii. Possibly expand the program to the public library via Spotify or xx
 - g. Community Service ideas for Christmas 2025 – Town-wide choral concert, etc.
 - h. Third graders walk-up in the spring to read with seniors (via Joy Tierney)
6. New Business – what are your ideas and interests for 2025?