

Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services Board Meeting October 27, 2016

Present: Chairperson-Lloyd Gibbs, Vice chairperson-Milli Greene, Wendy Haney, Betty Travers, Bob Murphy, Janet O'Neil, Edward O'Leary, Ann Alibrandi, Nancy Stockwell, and HESSCO Rep.-Helen Rice.

Absent/Excused: Director-Vicki Lowe

The meeting was called to order by Lloyd Gibbs at 3:05pm.

Action Items:

Minutes- The minutes from the September 29th meeting were approved as corrected.

Director's Report:

Vicki was away at the MCOA Annual conference and our chairperson, Lloyd Gibbs, read us her notes.

Budget Report-We are on track with the budget and there are no unexpected expenditures or issues.

Office Report-The Senior Center will be closing early on Thursday, November 10th. Since Friday is the holiday and it is usually our half day because we work late on Wednesday night, Thursday will be on the Friday schedule. The Veteran's Day breakfast is scheduled for Thursday the 10th from 9:30 to 11:30am. Dana Zaiser will be doing a program called "Short Stories of the Civil War". The Rotary Club will be paying for this event as well as providing members to help set up, serve, and clean up after the event as they have for the past few years.

The Board needs to discuss whether we should have a November meeting. Our next meeting would normally fall on Thanksgiving day. A November 10th meeting is not an option and Vicki will be at a meeting in Marlboro on Thursday the 17th. The Board would have to meet on a different day of the week in order to meet in November. The December meeting falls on Thursday, November 22nd.

Events and Programs Update-There have been several new programs at the Senior Center in October. Vicki gave two rock painting classes. Jeanne Bonneau began four weeks of Line Dancing classes. Peg McDonough, Regional Director of the Shine Program from HESSCO, gave a talk today (10/27) about insurances for seniors. Tufts Medicare Preferred Medicare Advantage insurance plan will not be accepted anymore by Steward Health Care. Peg said that eight thousand seniors in Norfolk County will be

affected by this. Steward patients have received letters notifying them of the change. There is a copy in our folders.

In October and November we have had programs with Gary Hylander and Paolo DiGregorio. The eight week "Minds In Motion" program is wrapping up on November 7th. These programs were all funded by the Friends. The HESSCO grant funded program, A Matter of Balance, ended on October 27th.

The Memory Cafe has been a great success. There have been fourteen people present at both programs. It has gotten great reviews by attendees.

Dana Zaiser will be at the Senior Center on November 2nd to do a program on money alternatives during the Civil War. He will bring in some coins for the audience to see. Decorative Glass Painting class will be on November 3rd. As 'Minds in Motion' ends on Mondays, 'Meditation and Relaxation' classes will resume in that time slot starting on November 24th. The 'Cape May Christmas' trip will be on November 28th through November 30th. The 'Lakeview Pavilion Holiday' party will be on December 1st. The entertainment for this event will be a Downton Abbey dinner theatre program. Judith Kalaora is leading the actors. Prior to the Holiday Party, Jack Craig will be at the senior center in the morning to get everyone in the holiday spirit. There are a couple of authors coming in December. Rick Beyer will be at the senior center on December 7th, talking about his book, The Ghost Army of WW II. Alison O'Leary will be here on December 21st with her book, "So Close to Home". Some other December programs are making a Yule Log with our art instructor on December 14th, the senior center party on the 15th, and the chorus sing-along on the 22nd.

Human Services Report-We are gearing up for Open Enrollment and Fuel Assistance. This change will add significantly to the workload of SHINE volunteers and for Human Services insurance counseling. Our SHINE councilors have offered to stay for longer hours to accommodate more appointments. Vicki has Noreen helping Cathy with transportation coordination to free her up to help seniors with this. Vicki is also trying to train one of the substitute drivers to do data entry to cover when Noreen isn't available but Human Services is out straight with Open Enrollment and Fuel Assistance.

HESSCO Report:

Our HESSCO Rep., Helen Rice, gave us her report from the meeting of October 7th. The Governor has signed a supplemental budget which includes 3.75 million dollars for elder home care services line item. HESSCO has been notified by Elder Affairs that the waiting list established on September 1st will end and they will be open for services. In preparation for the HESSCO FY 17 budget they have received draft numbers for many of their accounts from Elder Services. They will pull together their projected revenues and expenses in order to look at the complete budget for the year. HESSCO is currently working on creating tracking for mandatory trainings. They are exploring different modes of training to insure that key topics are reinforced annually.

The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends to the full Board approval of the IT upgrade which has been proposed by Wizard Computer Services their network support agency.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services last week issued a Request for Response (RFR) for the restructuring of MassHealth through Accountable Care Organizations (ACO). As part of that restructuring MassHealth will add certified Community Partners (CP) to work with ACOs and their MassHealth recipients in the community. HESSCO is still trying to determine what role they will play as a CP or in partnership with other Cps.

Friends of Foxboro Seniors Report:

There was no new report from the Friends. They have funded all the programs asked of them until the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

The review of bylaws was tabled until after the holidays.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed our meeting schedule for November and December and voted to cancel the November meeting and hold the next meeting on December 22nd at 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Haney
Secretary