

TOWN OF STONINGTON

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Stonington Human Services – 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Members Present: Marilyn Riley; Susan Peglow; Stacy Cassata; Joanne Kelly; Jennifer Young, Billie Ward

Human Services Representative(s): reports submitted but unable to attend

Guests: Norm Erlendson; Jean Dixon; Kit Hartford

Stacy Cassata called the meeting to order at 4:03

Secretary's Report

- Minutes for the December 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. Joann Kelly made the motion to accept will Sue Peglow 2nd
- Correspondence from Louise Bray re. the state of her COA membership was shared and is attached

Finance Report

- General Fund – 10172 \$1288.99 remained in the general fund. The largest expenditure continues to be contributions (printing and postage) for Gray Matters

Programs/Events

- Stonington Human Services
 - The Department served 482 persons from 321 households, 170 which were 55(+). Detailed report was provided and is attached
- Outside Agencies
 - Sue Peglow and Jennifer Young discussed the changes that have taken place in medical transportation for both CT and RI. Caregivers/riders with concerns are encouraged to file formal complaints with the company (Veyo in CT and MTM in RI) and their government representatives
- Legislative update
 - No reports were presented for review

Old Business

- Comfort Care baskets – 18 were created and delivered within the Sr housing complexes. 2 were left at Stonington Human Services to be given at the discretion of staff. Two thank you cards were received. Group will reconsider time the time of year as most people in need are associated with other gift giving agencies (PNC, Johnny Cake, LTC facilities, churches)
- Questions arose re the Gray Matters mailing. How are seniors identified? Are the town census/tax lists used and how often are they reviewed?

New Business

- Stacy announced June 15 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Day and suggested a community wide effort to educate people about elder abuse. Those in attendance agreed that it was an event to get involved with. Planning to take place at future meetings.
- Conversation centered around the lack of transportation for seniors for non-medical appointments, as well as the limited options (private cars vs busses and ambulances) for medical appointments. Susan Peglow offered that she was meeting with ECTC and would bring information back to the Commission at the next meeting.

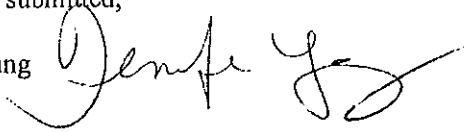
Adjournment

A motion was made by Stacy cassata and seconded by Susan Peglow to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 6, 2019. 4:00pm at the Stonington Human Services Building

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Young

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Young", written in black ink.