

New Business

1. Friends of the Animal Shelter: Charlene and I met with the Friends of the Animal Shelter on 11.2.16. They have funding for the community that they could use to assist residents with pets. They asked us for suggestions. We suggested: cost for caring for a pet when someone has been evicted or had a fire emergency, pet food pantry, assist with pet medical bills, pet supplies and possibly matching shelter dogs with elders/families. Dr. Croteau, the Chair of the Friends, met with me once again on 11.4.16 about this topic.
2. Holiday Resources:
 - a. Corline Cronan Thanksgiving meals – They are once again having Thanksgiving meal home delivery. Staff are completing applications for homebound elders.
 - b. Greater Taunton Charitable Association – The Association has offered to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. The individual/family must be able to cook a turkey and a full dinner. Our Staff must pick-up the baskets and deliver them.
 - c. Operation Christmas – Citizens for Citizens will be distributing toys for low-income children.
3. Meeting Summary/Anne attended the following meetings:
 - a. 10.14.16 – I attended the Community Benefits Committee at Morton Hospital. The discussion was about the upcoming Community Benefits Plan of Action.
 - b. 10.17.16 – I attended a Substance Use Grants coordination meeting at SSTAR in Fall River with representatives of SSTAR and the City of Fall River.
 - c. 10.18.16 – We held our annual Flu Clinic in collaboration with Manet Community Health Center and UMass Dartmouth College of Nursing.
 - d. 10.18.16 – I attended a Department Head Meeting at City Hall.
 - e. 10.18.16 – I attended a Manet Community Health Center Board Meeting in North Quincy MA. I later received a call that I was voted in as a Board Member.
 - f. 10.20.16 – We held our annual 'Fall into Halloween' Party. The elders praised the food and the Bobby Justin Band. I had only one complaint.
 - g. 10.21.16 – I attended the MA Municipal Association Human Services Council meeting in Milford MA. Most of the discussion was about the planning of our annual workshop at the MMA Annual meeting and our Spring conference.
 - h. 10.24.16 – We held our monthly Elder Community Crisis Intervention Team meeting.
 - i. 10.25.16 – 10-28.16 – I attended the MA Councils on Aging Annual Conference. I received excellent information on functions of management (i.e., hiring practices, harassment and discrimination laws).
 - j. 11.1.16 – Substance Use Grants – I met with Laura Washington of SSTAR. She informed me that she is resigning her position effective November 25, 2016.
 - k. 11.1.16 – TRIAD – The planning committee met to discuss/review the upcoming events for November and December.
4. Upcoming Scheduled Programs/meetings:
 - a. Mayor Hoye: 11.14.16
 - b. Manet Board: 11.15.16
 - c. Bristol Elder Services: 11.17.16
 - d. South Coast Regional Network to End Homelessness Leadership Council: 11.28.16
 - e. Elder Community Crisis Intervention Team: 11.28.16
 - f. TRIAD Planning Committee: 11.29.16
 - g. Housing Solutions for Southeastern MA: 11.29.16
 - h. MA Municipal Association/Human Services Council: 12.1.16

- i. Silver City Winter Wonderland and Light's On: 12.3.16
 - j. Taunton Emergency Task Force: 12.6.16
 - k. TRIAD (?): 12.6.16
 - l. MA Councils on Aging: 12.7.16
 - m. Mayor Hoyer: 12.12.16
 - n. SERCCOT: 12.13.16
 - o. TRIAD: 12.13.16
 - p. Taunton Opiate and Substance Use Task Force: 12.13.16
5. DHS Updates:
- a. Board Resignation: I received verbal notification that William Bell will resign his position on the Board. I am waiting for written notification.
 - b. Board 'Conflict of Interest' Test: We all must take the test once again. Please schedule with Charlene.
 - c. Case Worker: We hired Marsha-Ann Wise as our new part-time Case Worker. Her first day of employment was 10.25.16.
 - d. Holiday Hours: Thanksgiving Week: Monday 11/21: 8-4; Tuesday 11/22: 8-7; Wednesday 11/23: 8-12. Christmas/New Year's: Friday 12/23 – Closed; Monday 12/26 – Closed; Tuesday 12/27 – Thursday 12/29: 8 – 4; Friday: 12/30 – Closed; Monday 1/2/17: Closed.
 - e. Vacation: I will be taking vacation time on December 27, 28 and 29, 2016.
6. Senior Center Coordinator Monthly Report

Board Meeting – November 9, 2016

On Tuesday, October 18th, Manet Community Health Center collaborating with the Taunton Council on Aging offered a flu shot clinic for Taunton seniors 60 years of age and older who live in Taunton. 53 seniors were immunized.

On Wednesday, October 26th, nursing students from Curry College came to the center to discuss ways to reduce and manage Congestive Heart Failure. They handed out information on Hypertension and Diabetes, and information on ways to reduce cholesterol levels. They came during our blood pressure screening so they were able to meet one on one with our seniors.

On Thursday, November 3rd at 2pm, District Attorney Thomas Quinn III presented on "Elder Abuse Prevention". He spoke on identity fraud, financial exploitation and scams, how to prevent them and where to report them if they occur. 18 seniors attended.

Senior Tax Work off – 37 seniors completed their hours, 9 seniors have decided not to finish due to illness, injury or other reasons and 2 seniors have passed away. 1 of those seniors did get to complete his hours. The rest of the group has until November 30th to complete the required 75 hours for the full tax abatement of \$750.00.

Open enrollment started on October 15th. Our office started helping seniors on Monday, October 17th. Tracy saw 77 seniors for Part D open enrollment, Mary Ann saw 25 seniors for Open Enrollment and Bill our volunteer saw 15 seniors for full SHINE appointments.

Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 1 pm, Senior Medicare Patrol will be at the Senior Center to provide a free informational workshop and discussion on how to prevent, detect, report healthcare errors, fraud and abuse.

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 1 pm representative Alexandria Parham, from Brewster Ambulance will be at the center to discuss and register seniors for the Smart 9-1-1 program that has begun in Taunton. To register you will need to bring your list of medications, allergies and any medical conditions that you may have.

On Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 1 pm, we ask that you join us for a Murderously Marvelous Christmas holiday show as Hat Trick Theatre presents their hilarious audience interactive mystery show... "Santa's Retirement Party." Join us for Mystery and Mayhem as you help them find clues, discover the motive, expose the murderer and solve the crime.

Anne added that we are purchasing updated Bingo cards as discussed at the last meeting.

Barry Burke made a motion to adjourn @ 10:24 a.m. Seconded by Ann Kardamis

Next meeting: December 14, 2016