

**Human Services Advisory Committee
Meeting minutes**

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, (Youth Services Advisory Board, Chair)
Marie Hakmiller (Member at Large)
Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM)
Julia DeLapp
Shamim Patwa

Staff:

Patricia Schneider (Director of Human Services)
Katherine Bell (Youth Services)
Jessica Duers (Office Staff)

- I. Call to Order: A quorum was met at 3:41 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes (4:09 PM)
- III. Departmental Update (P. Schneider)
 - A. Discussion on spending grant money to help meet food insecurity/ food boxes. The Human Services Dept. has developed partnerships with other area agencies to meet food needs; we would like to support local farms and food providers as we meet community food needs.
 - B. Holiday program updates: Gift Card program due to continued needs for safety as Covid-19 numbers continue to rise. Gift card allows for more personalized gift selection
 - C. Transportation requests are on the increase
 - D. The Senior Center has had a productive quarter: the drive-through meals are especially successful as a program. The Senior Center is working towards offering a greater degree of choice with the meals.
 - E. Hybrid model will continue at the Senior Center until further notice
 - F. All Senior Center volunteers are mandated to be vaccinated due to the population they serve having a greater need for vaccination.
 - G. JSRB: A restorative justice model is being put into place for Mansfield Youth Staffing implications were discussed. Mental health service needs and staffing are areas of concern in implementing this initiative.

IV. Old Business

- A. Agency grants
- B. Victoria Nimirowski has suggested a few changes to the application process
- C. Agency grant applications need to be resent to the area agency recipients
- D. American Recovery Program: this grant is very specific for how to use the money
- E. Review on the committee on committees: they are awaiting the input of the HSAB
- F. Patricia is asking for participation in the committee on committees meeting next time to represent the HSAB

V. New Business

- A. Approval of upcoming meeting dates

January 26, 2022
April 27th, 2022
June 29th, 2022
September 28th, 2022
December 7th, 2022
January 25th, 2023

VI. Adjournment: 4:30 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 3:30 pm