

SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

January 13, 2020

4:00 PM

Thompsonville Room

1. Call to Order
4:00 pm

2. Roll Call
Christopher Bromson, Cindy Mangini, Cindy Guerreri, Joe Muller, Charlotte Riley, John Wilcox.

3. Warming Center
Cindy Mangini spoke with Monica Wright earlier in the day. The Center opened January 2. They are looking for \$3,000 for supplies and materials and are looking to find that through the budget process.
There could be a grant available through Enfield Social Services. Cindy Guerreri will follow up on it and with Ms. Wright.

4. Programs for Seniors
Has largely been through ADC. There is a Circuit Breaker Program. There is a Social Worker available for guidance and connection to services. There are a variety of efforts through the Commission on Aging. Enfield CARES is a resource that is continuing to develop. The Mayor is looking for a presentation to Council with a direct contact for all the programs. There is a discussion about the processes for senior tax credit and insurance options.

There is a discussion about exploring options in Longmeadow for Adult Day Care services due to its proximity to Enfield.

Cindy Mangini notes that the Circuit Breaker Program is not just for Seniors but applies to Veterans and disabled too. There is also a program specifically for disabled Veterans that we receive funding for. Chris Bromson suggests that it be mentioned to restore funding to the Circuit Breaker Program to the Council so that a letter can be sent to the Legislators in support of this by the Town Council.

There is a discussion about the 'blue book' put together by the Department of Social Services which is a guide for Seniors about our surrounding community and services provided.

5. Adult Day Financials
 - a. Savings from closing
John Wilcox shows full year budget of \$249,000 of which \$100,000 was projected from client fees. There will not be a full year budget this year

with adjusted projection of \$150,000 in expenditures. There will be an at least \$94,000 savings with closing at the end of March.

Chris Bromson met with Cindy Guerreri and Steve Bielenda to continue coordination. This puts the Social Services Department in a good position for future organization.

There was also a discussion with Scott Bertrand of the Housing Authority to explore alternate uses for the Mark Twain building. Once he discusses with his board of directors, a partnership may be explored. Charlotte is the liaison for the Housing Authority, and will get details on when the meetings are.

b. Past 10-Year Deficit

Based on actual numbers of expenditures and client fees are passed out by John Wilcox

6. Papa Pals

Partners college students with Seniors. Asnuntuck has shown interest in the idea and next steps need to be visited to develop a program.

It is suggested that seniors with the highest level of need would be addressed first, specifically isolated seniors.

7. Tour

Charlotte Riley suggests taking a look at the 110 High Street Building in order to get a better understanding of the space and the roles of the employees. WIC, SNAP and CRT are all run through the building. The Enfield Transit Office is also located there.

8. Adjournment