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MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 2019

Present: Austin Hall, Jerry Kerins, Dale Koch, Wendy Oberg, Lori Murphy, Ruth Diona, Sheri Purcelli, Jim Ryan

Absent: Jean Ferris, Bennett Pudlin, John Dean

Meeting was called to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Jerry Kerins

Pledge of Allegiance

Co-Chairman's and Commission Members' Comments:

- Austin reported Student Open House was beneficial in educating the public regarding activities offered at Senior Center. Suggestions made to conduct an Open House for realtors to educate them regarding services. Dr. Kerins suggested public Meet and Greet with the Senior Commission. A tentative date for the event was set for September 12, 2019.

Public Comments: None

Health Department Program:

- Ruth Diona reports that a program to focus on the health needs/issues of Madison residents took place on 3/11/19. Residents listed concerns such as: difficulty with transportation to New Haven, decrease in MD's who accept Medicare patients, depression and anxiety. Hospitals plan to use info from various towns to develop goals and objectives to assist aging population.

Financial Counseling with Madison Financial:

- Austin reports Craig Bernard will offer his services to seniors 2X/month at the Senior Center to give Financial Advice in addition to Mike Sweeney who offers Legal Counseling 2X/month.

19/20 Budget Update:

- The Board of Selectman have passed the budget on to the Board of Finance. Austin requested the addition of the following:
 1. P/T front desk employee (1:30-4:30)
 2. P/T dining room server, prep cook
 3. P/T “porter” (set up and break down rooms, light maintenance, etc.)

BOS cut the P/T front desk position but included the server and porter to their recommended budget.

New Business:

- Dr. Kerins and Austin met with Bennett Pudlin who suggested a needs assessment be created for the senior population. Dr. Kerins suggested a more dynamic plan be created with the assistance of professionals familiar with the process.
- Austin met with the Community Center Building Committee to discuss seniors potential involvement in the potential Community Center at the Academy Building.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. Jerry Kerins closed the meeting.
Next meeting on April 11, 2019 at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Murphy

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