

Orange Community Services Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2025 – HPCC Room 2

Present: Jim White, Kevin Hadlock, Pat Ziman, Deb Esposito, Peter Boppert, Aileen DeFeo

Absent/Excused: Marianne Miller, Carol Imperati, Stephen Hechtman, Arlene Consiglio

Staff: Stacey Johnson, Jennifer Hudson

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Review of Minutes: September: Approved (DeFeo/Ziman), October: Approved (Ziman/Hadlock), November: (Esposito/Ziman), December: Approved (DeFeo/Hadlock)

Review of Latest Financial Report: Reviewed and discussed reimbursables accounts.

Director's Report:

- Draft of Budget Report shared with commission members and explained. Town budget meeting to be held at the beginning of February.
- ARPA fund use has been ongoing with renovations in Senior Lounge and Café, blinds and artwork are still in progress.
- New low-income homes on Smith Farm Rd have led to an increase in clients for Denise.
- Two residents have used fuel assistance this month and the food pantry is being used regularly.
- The Holiday Program served 29 children and 27 families.
- Chantelle was accepted into DHMAS mentor program.

Senior Services Coordinator's Report:

- Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance will be starting in January until June with the help of grant money.
- Classes: Fitness, Yoga and Zumba continue to be successful; Drumming for Seniors has been well attended. Fitness continues for the fall.
- Movie of the Month – Hillbilly Elegy, Faraway, Heaven is for Real
- Art Classes including "Painting for Pleasure" and "One and Done Drawing" continue.
- Partnered with Park & Rec to offer Shallow Water Exercise.
- Christmas Caroling was attended by 54 seniors.
- Lion's Club Thanksgiving Dinner held on December 1st was very successful and well attended.
- AARP Tax program will begin again in February.
- Dr. Hoda Bibi presented "Growing up or Getting Old" – was well attended.

Transportation Report:

- The Center is now transporting on average, 7-8 people a day to the Senior Center to participate in activities.
- Jenny will set up a meeting with Woodbridge Transportation Services to discuss communication systems.

Youth Services and Prevention Coordinator's Report:

- Teen Committee meetings are being held biweekly – 20-30 7th – 12th grade students.
- Yoga Series for Teens and Babysitting Class will be held in January & February.
- JRB is now Youth Diversion Team – two referrals last month
- Chantelle meeting with schools, superintendents, and other networking resources
- The scholarship committee has begun meeting and discussing changes to the application.
- "Screenagers" documentary and discussion based program about youth and risk management will be held in March in partnership with Diane Downey, school social worker.

Other Business:

- Motion made to change meeting time – Tabled (Hadlock/Esposito) – no quorum

Adjournment: 8:04 pm (DeFeo/Boppert)

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