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Human Services Commission
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Human Services Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018

I. Call Meeting to Order: Chairwoman Sally Bain-Picard called the April 17, 2018, Human Services Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at Plymouth Town Hall.

Fire Exit Notifications:

Chairwoman Sally Bain-Picard noted the fire exits.

II. Attendance: Chairwoman Sally Bain-Picard, Commissioner Reverend Joel D. Kotila, Commissioner Tracy Dupont, Commissioner Helena Schwalm and Commissioner Fred Schwalm. Also in attendance was Councilman John Pajeski and Angela Morris from HRA.

Excused Absence: Commissioner Karen Saccu and Vice-Chairwoman Heidi Caron

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairwoman Sally Bain-Picard led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comments: None

V. Minutes February 20, 2018:

A motion was made by Commissioner Tracy Dupont, seconded by Commissioner Helena Schwalm to approve the February 20, 2018 minutes. This motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Human Services Report:

Please see attached HRA report.

Angela Morris reported that the tax service ended on April 11th. Juan Berrios will attend next meeting to report on this.

Energy assistance – last date to receive was April 3rd.

Electric and gas - last day is May 1st.

Private fuel is still available.

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Sally Bain-Picard

Foot clinic was March 14th. 17 people showed up and 12 people attended.

Renters Rebate runs April 1st – October 1st.

Small Wonders back to school – wants to start soon. Will be reviewing the applications to make some changes. Would like to distribute before the school year ends.

Time frame – distribute applications in June. Receive applications back in July and distribute backpacks in August.

VII. Old Business:

a. Small Wonders – Eric McCoy would like to work with Sargent Cesar Berrios on collecting items for back to school.

b. Surveys - Only 2 surveys were received.

c. Scholarships- Commissioner Tracy Dupont reported scholarship night Thursday 5/24 at the high school. Deadline for scholarships is May 1st. Commissioner Tracy Dupont, Commissioner Karen Saccu and Chairwoman Sally Bain-Picard will review the scholarships. Looking for a volunteer to present the scholarship that night.

d. Human Services Commission review – Chairwoman Bain-Picard went through the goals of the commission. The global goals of the Commission are to achieve an effective, efficient and systematic delivery of public citizens' resources, to propose responsive and reasonable means whereby the need of seniors, veterans, handicapped or citizens who have other human resources needs be met.

Chairwoman Bain-Picard will reach out to Donna Dognin to see if she can make any recommendations in having the Commission assist with Veterans. Keith Golnik and George Castle from the American Legion will be contacted, as well.

e. Dial-A-Ride – Chairwoman Bain-Picard worked with Vinnie Klimas and Charlie Wiegert to finalize the paperwork to get the van. Budget for the new van is \$58,795.00. The Town is responsible for 20%. From the invoices of the Dial-A-Ride program, Chairwoman Bain-Picard went through the hours for the months in 2017. Councilman Pajeski and Chairwoman Bain-Picard will meet with Mayor after budget is done.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Chairwoman's Comments: None

X. Council Liaison's Comments: None

XI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

XII. Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Human Services Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Helena Schwalm, seconded by Commissioner Fred Schwalm to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Schnaars', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda Schnaars

Recording Secretary



Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc.
Community Services Department

Plymouth Human Services Monthly Report

March 2018

Submitted by: Angela Morris

Reporting Period: March 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018

Services	Total Count
Phone Calls	124
Walk-ins	15
Appointments	21
Rental Assistance	0
Medicare Savings Program	0
SNAP Applications/Renewals	8
Energy Assistance Applications	11
Private Fuel Bank	0

Tax Services: Tax services are ongoing and will continue until April 11, 2018. Residents interested in the services may call the Human Services office to schedule an appointment. Appointments are held on Wednesdays from 9am-12pm in the senior lounge. A final report will be provided by Juan Berrios for the May Meeting.

Energy Assistance: The last day to receive deliverable fuel through energy assistance is April 3, 2018. The last day to apply for energy assistance for electric and gas heated households, is May 1st. All those who would like to apply please call the Human Services to schedule an appointment.

Private Fuel Bank: There were no requests for emergency fuel delivery through the Town's Private Fuel Bank this month. If anyone has an urgent need for an emergency oil delivery, please contact the Human Services office.



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Foot Clinic: The foot clinic took place on March 14, 2018 from 10am-2pm. There was a total of 17 people who signed up and 12 people who were able to make their scheduled appointment. Anyone interested in an appointment may call Human Services. Appointments are available on a first come first serve basis. The next foot clinic date is TBD.

Small Wonders: Back to School: Preparations for the Small Wonders Back to School Program will begin soon. Would like to prepare applications and provide them to the schools before the school year ends.

Renters Rebate: Applications for renters rebate will be available from April 1 – October 1. Please call the Human Services office to schedule an appointment to complete an application.

Medicare Savings Program: There has been a new deadline placed for changes to take affect for the Medicare Savings Program. Changes to the program will not begin until after July 1, 2018. As of now, there has not been information regarding what the new guidelines will be or if they will remain the same. Any new updates/details will be communicated upon receipt. Below, were the proposed changes to the Medicare Savings Program.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB):

Most States: \$1,025 – Individual \$1,374 – Couple
Asset Limits: \$7,390 – Individual \$11,090 – Couple

Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB):

Most States: \$1,226 – Individual \$1,644 – Couple
Asset Limits: \$7,390 – Individual \$11,090 – Couple

Qualifying Individual (QI):

Most States: \$1,377 – Individual \$1,847 – Couple
Asset Limits: \$7,390 – Individual \$11,090 – Couple

****There are still no current updates on the status of any changes.****