

Town of Boxborough
Well-Being Committee
Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am.

Attendees:

Liz Markiewicz, **Chair**

Cindy Worthington-Berry, **Pastor UCCB**

Lauren Abraham, **Community Services Coordinator**

Laura Arsenaault, **Council on Aging**

Al Murphy, **Housing Board**

Channing Wagg, **Member at Large**

Warren Ryder, **Boxborough Police Chief**

Randy White, **Boxborough Fire Chief**

Absent: Jim Gorman, Tamara Bedard, Selina Shaw, Warren O'Brien, Gail Kessler-Walsh

1. Minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting were approved
2. ABUW Needs Assessment Results; Reviewed
 - Good place to go as a backup for any funding needs
 - Use for ideas of focus going forward
 - Reinforcement for voucher program
3. Community Services Coordinator year-in-review report given by Lauren
 - 42 households have been helped, households ranging from 1-6 people
 - #1 need is financial (car payments, car insurance, gas)
 - Meetings Lauren is attending are Safety Net, Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Service Network (completed the training), AB Coalition to Healthy Youth (program of Danny's Place), First Connections out of Emerson Hospital, NAMI Support Group
 - Merrie Christmas Fair held at UCC Church will be donating part of their funds to Lauren (Community Services Coordinator)
4. CHNA (Community Health Network Area) 15 grant application
 - Lauren is considering filling out the application for this grant. The Committee agreed she should look into it and see what the next steps are and how time consuming it will be.
5. Rental assistance program
 - Channing gave an update informing the Committee that an application is being drafted as well as eligibility requirements for this program.
6. Warren asked what the status is on the discussion with Alexis Ladd and the Diversity issues that were discussed at a prior meeting
 - Lauren indicated she is still in contact with them and has asked for a Mission statement for them, she has not received one yet. Warren will look into it and report back.
7. Tamara sent an email about the Flu Clinics she held, she reported they vaccinated 223 people at the October 1 clinic held at Blanchard School and 56 at the community center. She proposed cutting out the community center clinic going forward and just

holding the one at Blanchard School. She would also have vaccines at her clinic hours at Town Hall. The Committee agreed that this would be okay going forward.

8. Warren announces that December 14 from 6-9pm there will be a cyber-safety information session at Blanchard School for all those who want to attend. Council on Aging is also offering 2 similar sessions at the Library, the dates/times can be found on the library website or in the Buzz newsletter.
9. Next meeting will be November 17, 2015 at 8:00 am
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Elizabeth Markiewicz, Chair _____ **Date** _____