



Schaumburg Township
Senior Citizens Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

- I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairperson Croke

- II. Roll Call (those in attendance)
Mark Chereso
Nancy Croke
Marilyn Pande
Kathy Ray
Sheva Wohlhart
Trustee Steward
Director Cordes
Administrator Williams

- III. Approval of May 16, 2022 Minutes
Motion to approve the SCSC minutes from May 16, 2022 made by Kathy Ray. Second by Marilyn Pande. Motion carried.

- IV. Public Comments
None

- V. Reports
 - a. Chairperson's Report
Chairperson Croke reported she and her husband attended the Support Our Seniors program this month on fall prevention at the library and was very impressed. She said it was very informative and helpful.

 - b. Trustee Liaison's Report
Trustee Steward reported there is a Special Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, October 19 at 7pm. The only item on the agenda is consideration for joining IMRF, a pension plan for employees. The Board is waiting for the full report from Polco on the needs assessment that was conducted this summer.

 - c. Director's Report
Director Cordes reported Senior and Disability Services will start distributing a combined print newsletter every two months. Starting with November's edition, Access Point will include information about programs, news, and services for clients in both departments. This change was made due to the large percentage of redundant information between the Senior Newsletter and Ablegram.

CEDA programs providing energy and water assistance opened on September 1. Benefit staff are busy with appointments. New this year, every client who qualifies for energy assistance also qualifies for assistance with their water bill, assuming they pay one. This has added some extra steps to the appointment, which requires appointments to be 90 minutes instead of 60.

Benefit staff are also preparing for Medicare Open Enrollment that runs October 15-December 7. During this time, staff will prioritize open enrollment appointments due to the short time frame for enrollment. CEDA appointments will be scheduled for after open enrollment season unless a client has a shut-off notice or a dire financial hardship that would make waiting two months untenable.

VI. Old Business

- a. Funded Agency Reports
Reports reviewed. No action needed.

VII. New Business

- a. Department Renaming Focus Group
Administrator Williams facilitated a discussion regarding potentially changing the department name. The suggestion to evaluate department names was made by the DEI Taskforce to ensure department names did not perpetuate any negative stigmas around the people supported or services provided. Other focus groups will be held with clients, stakeholders, and staff.
- b. Discussion About FY24 Funded Agency Application Timeline
The committee discussed moving the application timeline for funded agencies up one month. Presentations would be completed in November, which would give time to evaluate data provided before making decisions on funding in December. Director Cordes will send out applications in October.
- c. Committee Member Updates/Questions
Kathy Ray reported the Schaumburg Barn is hosting a Savvy Seniors resource fair on the 29th.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Ray. Second by Sheva Wohlhart. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.