

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:00pm on 8/6/2019 at the Sunrise Senior Center by Justine Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Harvey Soufrine present
Sharon Baron present
Abdul Basit absent
Richard Hoye absent

Olivia Coleman present
Justine Scott present
Andre Hudon absent

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from July meeting were approved. Motion by Harvey Soufrine, second by Olivia Coleman.

Open Discussion

Presentation

Wendy Robbin from the American Cancer Society has been a volunteer for the organization for over 20 years after losing her sister to cancer. She now works for the American Cancer Society helping with Relay for Life as well as Making Strides for Breast Cancer which are two fundraising walks. Money that is raised from the fundraisers goes towards cancer research, services and grants. Over the years, the American Cancer Society has been able to reduce administrative and marketing costs allowing for .79 cents on the dollar to go towards research, services and grants. One of the services offered is called Road to Recovery where volunteer drivers are paired with patients and take them to and from doctor appointments for treatment. Another service is the Hope Lodge which provides free or reduced hotel stays for patients needing to receive treatment out of town. The American Cancer Society has a 24 hour hotline which people can call with any questions related to cancer. Wendy gave out information on global cancer statistics, Relay for Life and Making Strides for Breast Cancer.

New Business

Kathy Osborn gave the monthly Social Services numbers for the month of July:

63 clients met with
5 families visited the food pantry
3 applications for medical transportation were approved
34 fee waivers were approved, 1 was denied
85 total contacts for the month

Kathy gave information about the requirements for medical transportation. The three requirements for approval of medical transportation are as follows: 62 years of age or older, no vehicle in household, must live in the City of Sunrise.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45pm. Motion by Justine Scott, second by Sharon Baron

Minutes prepared by: Lauren Gauna