

Hanover Community Nursing Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes for June 6, 2022

In attendance: Jodi Austin, Kathy Barth, Marilyn Denk, Jen Gantrish, Pat Glowa, Bridget Mudge, Dave Stewart, and Doris Yates

Location: Howe Library, Murray Room

1. **Welcome/Intros:** Welcome to new committee member, Jodi Austin, a Hanover resident and past volunteer at Servicelink and the Aging Resource Center.
2. **Review and Approval of minutes from March 7, 2022.**
 - a. Jen will see that the minutes are posted on the Town of Hanover's website.
3. **Summer Park follow-up:**
 - a. Health Officer: Dave spoke with Hanover's Health Officer, Ryan Borkowski, re: reporting and follow-up on safety concerns at Summer Park. A Summer Park resident must bring a specific safety/public health risk or code violation to Ryan directly for him to follow-up. Doris may also contact Ryan if she has seen an unsafe/health concern directly.
 - i. Example of a safety risk: ice falling off the roof
 - ii. Example of a health risk: illness/disease directly impacting the health of residents.
 - iii. Example of Code issue: thick mat, outside a resident's door, creating a risk of a resident tripping or falling.
 - b. Twin Pines follow-up: Jen emailed Andrew Winter, Twin Pines Exec. Director, re: best staff person to assist with Summer Park residents' concerns. Andrew responded by connecting Twin Pines direct service staff with Doris.
 - i. Twin Pines was understaffed for a few months. Doris reports that with staff returning, residents' issues are being addressed.

- ii. Twin Pines Social Worker, Arwen, along with two other direct service staff, hold office hours on Tuesdays at Summer Park to address residents' needs.
- c. Doris Summer Park work:
 - i. Doris coordinated a COVID Booster Clinic for residents.
 - ii. Jodi reported that Doris's work was vital to the Summer Park residents during COVID.

4. Town Meeting:

- a. Dave reported that Doris was introduced at the Town Meeting in May and that information about Hanover's Community Nurse Program was included in the Town Report.

5. Referrals to the Town Nurse: Bridget

- a. Bridget spoke to Margaret Georgia, DHMC Care Management about how to connect with Community Nurses.
- b. Bridget will reach out to VNA/VNH about community nursing.

6. Town Nurse Report:

- a. Doris reports that she is selective about the number of meetings/trainings that she attends; she only opts for ones that are useful and vital to her work.
- b. Doris reports that her patients' biggest concern is "how to keep myself safe while living on my own."
- c. Stories: Doris shared both successful and challenging work with her patients.
- d. The committee discussed adults right to live with health/safety issues in their homes and the limitations of Adult Protective Services.

7. Other:

a. Doris Vacation plans:

- i. Bridget will be back-up for Doris at the end of June with Kristin Barnum as a resource.
- ii. Doris may be off in December for a volunteer service trip to Honduras.

b. Community Nurse/Senior pages on Town website:

- i. Doris will create a list of senior resources, ex. Foot Clinic at the Black Center, Balance Screening at the Aging Resource Center, etc. to add to the Town senior web pages.
- ii. Doris would also like to include a blurb such as “the Town’s Community Nurse would be happy to answer any questions and/or discuss senior resources.”

8. New Business:

- a. **Community Nurse Connect/New Data Report: Add to agenda for next meeting.**

9. Next Meeting:

Monday September 12, 2022 at Howe Library: Jen will reserve a room

Monday, December 12, 2022

Next Meetings: All starting at 3:30PM via Zoom or at Howe Library

Monday, June 6, 2022

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