

## **Human Services Advisory Committee Minutes of September 24, 2014 Meeting**

**Present:** Ron Baker (Member at Large); Lorraine Kenowski (Member at Large); Ethel Mantzaris (YSB), chair; Dexter Eddy (Housing Authority); Joan Terry (Senior Center Assn.)

**Absent:** Fred Goetz (ADA); Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM)

**Staff:** Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services

The chairman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of the June 2014 meeting were approved as written.

**Committee Members:** Joan Terry reported that she will continue as a member of the Committee as a representative of the Mansfield Senior Center Association. It was noted that new representatives are needed from the Commission on Aging and Advocates for Children.

Pat updated the committee members on the department. She said that agency grants are on target due to careful oversight. The senior center mailed September newsletters to all town residents who are over 55 and received a number of volunteers as a result. Sarah Taylor is working well with the seniors and planning some interesting programs at the center.

Sarah Anderson has been hired as the Early Childhood Coordinator. The Early Childhood group has been included in the Youth Services section of the department and this new arrangement is having positive results.

Human Services has two interns from Eastern Conn. University. One is working at the senior center and the other with youth services.

The letters regarding holiday programs are ready to send soon and fund raising will begin shortly as well.

**New Business** – The annual report was discussed. Pat will update last year's report and email it to our committee members for comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Terry, Secretary