Minutes for Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD Meeting 05/18/09

Next monthly TRIAD meeting will be June 12th @ 9:00am at Westbrook Public Safety Building

Meeting called to order on 05/8/09 @ 9:00AM by Fred Morrill, co-chair

Present: Fred Morrill, David Grathe, Sylvia Bracket, Mary Vetterline, Philip Curran, Terri Norton, Bonnie Cloukey, Susan Germano, Ted Hatch, Christine LaBranche, Martha O'Connor, Paul Gasper, Marilyn LeBlanc, Eileen Whynot.

Review and approval/disapproval of 04/10/09 meeting minutes - all approved

Committee Reports - no reports

Unfinished Business: Sylvia Brackett gave an update to the group about the phones calls she has been making to the residents who filled out the surveys. They are very receptive to the information.

Martha O'Connor has finished the Transportation List and passed it out to all present members of the TRIAD. If there is any out dated information on this form, please contact Martha and she will update it. Martha and Bonnie have an inhouse sheet that they offered to the group. These sheets have the contacts and numbers for local hospitals, hospice centers and care agencies. Martha is going to compile both these lists and bring to the next meeting. Martha has offered to call the METRO to see if it is possible for the bus system to come into Gorham. Ted Hatch will talk to the Town Manager to see if there is any interest in having the bus come through Gorham. We can schedule a METRO representative to come to a meeting if the Town Manager approves of this idea.

Ted Hatch spoke with the Chief of Police and he approved the idea of collecting used cell phones in the Town Hall. Ted will look into getting a bucket to place in the office to drop off the phones. Ted will give this information to the Gorham Cable station so they can run it on a regular basis. This announcement should mention that all phones should be deleted of personal information and charges should be sent with the phones. Paul Gasper offered some words of advice on this matter: have guide lines on type of cell phones that are acceptable and RMS is a program that refurbishes phones and gives money in return. This would be a good way to raise money for the TRIAD. Dave Garthe is looking into a phone company that offers the elderly free phones and minutes for one year. He will contact Nicole Nappi when he gathers this information.

There has been no date set for the Identity Theft presentation as of yet at the church. This may have to be postponed until Sept. There was mention that the Manager of AVESTA housing would like Ted to do the Identity Theft presentation for non-english speaking residents to help them understand the process of protecting themselves better.

The Identity Theft presentation will be done at the Town of Gorham's Public Meeting on June 3rd from 6:30-8:00. Public Cable will be there to video it. Sue Germano will contact Stacy Farrington to see if an announcement can be run in the local papers. Sue offered to create a flyer to have printed and passed out to announce this to the public.

Ted Hatch has spoken with the Windham Prison and they offer many services that the TRIAD could benefit from: printing large quantities, folding, plaques and embroidering. The cost is minimal. They are creating a sample announcement stand and putting a cost together to create these stands. They will be in touch with Ted by the beginning of next week. Ted will ask if they can also print Decals of the TRIAD's logo.

Susan Germano has developed a TRIAD logo and Mission statement that was approved at the meeting.

Ted talked with Kelly from Gorham's Public Cable and she will run our Mission Statement and the Identity Theft Presentation. If there is anything else the TRIAD would like to run on the station, please send it to her in email form.

New business: There is a State Wide TRIAD conference on September 28, 2009 in Bangor. Topic for the conference is "Providing Safe Harbors". More information will be forth coming.

Paul Gasper brought in a "Files for Life" sample. There was discussion of how the TRIAD could raise money to have these made. Eileen Whynot has approximately 2000 that she will donate to the TRIAD to pass out.

Dave Garthe asked for 5 volunteers to install new locks at Village Square in Gorham. Ted offered to have the police force volunteer. Dave will set up date and times for installation and let Ted know. Dave will have the manager of Village Square write something out that the volunteers will be exempt from and damages that may occur.

Paul Gasper and Ted Hatch have talked with Ray Richardson (the radio host) about attending a TRIAD meeting and hopefully an announcement on the radio show.

Janet Mills is the new Attorney General. Paul Gasper will continue to try and contact her to see her position on TRIAD.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:20

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