

## **Director's Report submitted by Karin Dynice-Swanfeldt October 2019**

- The month of October was such a very busy time here at the Ayer COA. Our numbers are still growing and growing!!!!
- I am so happy to report that after almost a year without our SHINE Program in place we are now back in business. The Regional Office has sent the Ayer COA two wonderful councilors who are both VOLUNTEERS. These ladies will be on site on a regular basis twice a month for appointments. This service is FREE to our clients needing this service. I am most grateful to finally have this program back in place here at The Center.
- I am completing the paperwork for the Formula Grant which I write each year. This helps support of Nutrient Coordinators position.
- We were busy this month offering a number of educational programs during our lunch program. We have found that these free programs are most helpful to our clients and the staff.
- We had the Assistant Director Samantha Benoit, from the Ayer Library here to introduce herself and spoke to us about the programming offered. We are planning to join forces with the library because they have offered their space to the COA for events and activities. This will be a nice change for the coming year seeing our space is so limited. We are excited to begin working together as we move ahead in our future.
- I was asked to judge the Children's Halloween Costumes at the Movies in the Park night. This was an event offered by APAC and it was hugely successful. It was a cold Friday night and there were over 100 people in attendance. This should become a regular event for our community. It was a blast and the costumes were great!
- All monthly bills paid on time
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings were attended.
- All of my responsibilities as the COA Director have been fulfilled.
- We had a wonderful MEET and GREET with Korry Dow, President of Nashoba Hospital. She spoke to our clients in a relaxed, understanding, comfortable manner. She made everyone feel so good. I am so happy to be creating a relationship with our community hospital. Thank you Korry!!!

- I attended my monthly Affordable Housing Committee meeting which is a very active group of people. I am so looking forward to working with the group of people. We are preparing for a public hearing to share information which this group has been gathering for the community.
- The Hospital offered a wonderful Senior Dinner this month and a great number of our clients attended. They were pleased with the meal and company of each other. The hospital will be offering a dinner each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather information from our seniors to the hospital.
- McNabb's of Townsend offered a Flu Clinic here at The Center. It was very well attended and FREE.
- We had a great time making Caramel Apple with our clients. It was fun to watch everyone chatting and having a good time. We used these to give away at our Halloween Pizza Party for the outstanding costumes. Always a good time.
- Our Annual Halloween Pizza Party was a huge success. We had over 50 people enjoying the fun. Thank you to the Ayer Police Department for being our hosts once again. It is always a blast to work with Chief and his staff. Thank you once again.
- We are in the process of beginning our activities for 2020. We have applied for three Cultural Grants so we can bring new activities to The Center. Also using the space at the Library opens up a new venue for us to expanded our programming. We are so looking forward to 2020 and new things.
- I am continuing to work forward with the feasibility team on creating our new Center. This is a long process but we are moving forward. 2020 should be an exciting year for everything and everyone!
- Keep your eye on our month Newsletter, Action Unlimited and Cable TV as well as our Town Website and our FACEBOOK PAGE for all of our coming events and activities. We are beginning to plan our 2020 activities. We are looking at different, NEW activities for our afternoon programming. We try to offer whatever folks are looking for, sometimes we are successful and other time we are not. However we are willing to try anything people are interested in doing. So bring us your thoughts and ideas.....remember we are here for you!!