

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of March 09, 2011.

1. Roll Call

Present: Kitty Nelson, Ross DeLeonardo, Rev. Deutzmann, Paul Geer, Gary Johnson, MaryLou Kecko and Donna Nunno.

Absent: Diane Candido and Alan Chapin.

Also Present: Phil Vetro; Board of Aldermen. Lisa Diamond Graham.

Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Deutzmann, seconded by DeLeonardo to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and carried with Geer abstaining due to his absence at the meeting.

3. Staff Report

- 768 Milford residents received services on the Human Services side of the Department. These included Energy Assistance, Outreach Assistance and Referral, food referrals and assessments and emergency assistance to other department's referrals.
- Family Therapy remains at approximately 155 families in treatment. Prevention programs currently running are Improvisations, Family Fun Night, Social Expedition, Rent A Kid, Satellite Family Therapy, Satellite Group Therapy and a Parenting Skills Program. Additionally, staff spends time supporting and coordinating projects within the community. Two major community projects are; the Milford Youth Service Network project that is teaming up with the boundless playground of Bodies Place and the Milford Prevention Council – both the Advisory Council and Youth Group.
- The Neighbor to Neighbor grant that was applied for has been awarded. Three separate grants were applied for this year and all three were awarded for a total of \$10,000.00. We received the emergency food voucher grant for \$2,000.00; \$3,000.00 for security deposit assistance and \$5,000.00 for emergency rental assistance. Lisa was informed that these grants are rarely given to municipalities; they only award non profits. However, she was told that due to Milford Human Services wonderful reputation in the social service community for providing excellent professional, innovative services to clients the grants were approved. Milford Human Services was also praised for how well written and thorough the grant applications were. Unfortunately this funding does not include funding for staffing for these additional services.
- The Board of Alderman budget meeting will be coming up and board members are asked to attend.

4. Fiscal Report

Geer commented that staff should submit mileage monthly or quarterly. A motion was made by DeLeonardo, seconded by Johnson to approve the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Geer stated that he needs more information in order to be an advocate for the agency. A discussion followed that there are new Board members as well as new Staff members and it was suggested that staff take turns coming to board meetings to review their duties as well as board members coming to the office to observe.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording
Secretary