

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of March 10, 2010.

1. Roll Call

Present: Kitty Nelson, MaryLou Kecko, Donna Nunno, Diane Candido, Alan Chapin, Gary Johnson, Rev. Deutzmann and Ross DeLeonardo.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond Graham, Melissa Dubiel, Alderwoman Pam Staneski and Alderman Phil Vetro.

Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Chapin, seconded by Rev. Deutzmann to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Staff Report

- The budget was presented to the Board of Finance on 2/22/10. This is the second step in the process. They asked why Human Services was not a city department. Lisa did not have the answer to this question. The Mayor stated it was because HS would lose the state grants. However, Lisa looked into this and there are several like departments that are part of municipalities that do receive state funding via these grants. A discussion followed regarding being a City Department verses an Agency and funding. Lisa stated that a lot of things have changed over the years and Lisa is growing more concerned regarding funding. She applied for and was denied the additional Neighbor 2 Neighbor Funding through the United Way in New Haven as this is for food kitchens only. Last year they awarded \$194,800 and this year only \$90,000. United Way of Milford funding was discussed and Chapin reported that in order to receive funding Agencies must be a 501C3. Staneski suggested writing a letter/petition to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. A motion was made by DeLeonardo, seconded by Candido for Lisa to create a subcommittee to work on a proposal and information gathering/research in order to make a recommendation to become a Department or not based on this information. The motion carried unanimously. The committee will consist of Nelson, Nunno, Kecko, Staneski, Vetro and Lisa.
- Per Lisa's suggestion a motion was made by Chapin, seconded by Kecko to make a \$50.00 donation to The Make a Wish Foundation in honor of the Heron Children. The motion carried unanimously.

- The Energy Assistance program was provided, from the State, midway stats. Over 500 applications were taken and \$641,730 was distributed in payments from Milford. This is Milford residents only and primarily one outreach worker taking the applications. Had there been full staff, these numbers would have doubled.
- The Social Expedition program had a trip on this past school closure day in February. There was also a Family Fun Night. Close to 100 residents received services through this.
- Referrals to the Therapy piece have increased dramatically. Mindy and Lisa attended an Intern Fair at SCSU last week to recruit. However, supervising interns is currently at its maximum between Lisa and Mindy as the Clinical Supervisors.
- There was also an increase in requests for the Rent A Kid program with all of the snow.

4. Fiscal Report

A motion was made by DeLeonardo, seconded by Kecko to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rev. Deutzmann, seconded by Chapin to enter Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rev. Deutzmann, seconded by Chapin to leave Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rev. Deutzmann, seconded by Kecko for Lisa to follow the recommendations made in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording
Secretary