

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of April 14, 2010.

1. Roll Call

Present: MaryLou Kecko, Paul Geer, Alan Chapin, Gary Johnson, Rev. Deutzmann and Ross DeLeonardo.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond Graham, Melissa Dubiel, Alderwoman Pam Staneski.
Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

- Human Services – still not fully staffed – served 235 individuals, 494 family members. Youth Services – 154 Family Therapy Cases, the prevention based piece had 733 family members in it.
- The first Easter Basket Program distributed over 250 Easter filled baskets to families who needed assistance. Additionally, baskets and supplies were able to be provided to Boys and Girls Club for 75 children. This program was a result of a donation from WalMart and was the joint effort of the Youth Service side and the Human Service side of the department. Youth from The Academy helped make the baskets.
- Another joint program this month was the Family Fun Night/Social Expedition and/Improvisations evening held at The Academy. Improvisations performed skits for the families on bullying and peer pressure. Over 75 parents and children were in attendance.
- The Health and Nutrition Program being run at The Academy is going very well. Every week more students have joined and the response is very encouraging as it started with 2 students.
- Lisa signed and returned the LETTER OF AGREEMENT to the Dept. of Agriculture for the Seniors Farmers Market Food Vouchers Program. 425 vouchers will be distributed this year. The program will probably begin in July but is dependent on when the vouchers are received.
- Lisa, Melissa, Kitty and Donna met regarding the issue of becoming a City Department. Lisa also spoke with the Mayor briefly about this. Most other Human Services are Municipal. Donna and Kitty felt the agency should move forward towards this. The Mayor did not agree and felt this was not the direction to go at this

time. There was a lengthy discussion and looking into the City Charter and Ordinance was suggested. As well as looking into whether other Human Services started out as a Department or not. Staneski suggested looking at the pros and cons and what variables there are. All funding sources need to be considered; what grants could be obtained that are not obtainable now. More information is needed.

4. Fiscal Report

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

A motion was made by Rev. Deutzmann, seconded by Geer to enter Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rev. Deutzmann, seconded by Geer to leave Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording
Secretary