

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of April 18, 2017

Donna Nunno called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Donna Nunno, Sue Stango, Karen Barnett, Gina Badalamenti, Brendan Casey, Kitty Hurley, and Aldermen Ellen Beatty.

Absent: Joan Campbell, Rev. Karl Duetzmann, Scott Moulton, and Alderman Anthony Giannattasio.

Also Present: Deepa Joseph and Beth Simpson

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by S. Stango, seconded by B. Casey, that the minutes of 2/21/17 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Director's Report

Human Services:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) staff is moving toward the end of Energy Assistance and getting ready for the Renters' Rebate program to start. It has been an asset having a staff member from TEAM on site in Milford to take Energy Assistance applications. This has allowed the Community Outreach Workers to focus on complicated case management situations, such as those involving tenants of property deemed uninhabitable. The staff is anticipating an increase in calls pertaining to United Illuminating shut off notices, as the winter protection period ends on May 1st.

DHS finished up the Spring Food Basket program.

Deepa and the DHS staff had a meeting with several community partners within Milford. Representative from the United Way, Salvation Army, St. Mary's, Senior Center and Clergy Council attended this meeting regarding case management and coordinating services. Agne Covill, the staff member from TEAM who has been working in Milford part-time, was introduced to the group. Agne will begin to assist with case management. Also discussed at the meeting were food banks and pantries. Reverend Karl Duetzmann, representing the Clergy Council, is going to review these food services and will schedule a follow-up meeting in mid-May.

Youth and Family Services:

The Mayor's Youth Award will take place on May 4th. It is the 29th year for this event. We have received a good amount of nominations. The Board is invited to the ceremony. The event has been moved to the Parson's Auditorium.

The Clinical Coordinator and Sgt. Delmonte from the Milford Police Dept. conducted a Juvenile Justice Diversion Group meeting. The Juvenile Justice Diversion Program is administered by the Police and Youth & Family Services departments.

The Clinical Coordinator has also been working with the Milford Fire Dept. on the Fire-Setters Intervention Program. The Clinical Coordinator shared Milford's curriculum with the Connecticut Youth Services Association (CYSA), so as to assist other cities and towns within Connecticut with fire prevention.

Individual and Family Therapy continues.

Administration:

Deepa presented the FY17-18 department budget to the Board of Aldermen last night. The meeting went well.

The Mayor has asked all of the department heads to submit three additional budgets, representing a best, middle and worst case scenario, to address the State's budget cuts. These recommendations were sent to the Finance Director and the Mayor.

5. Old Business

None.

6. New Business

None.

7. Adjournment

S. Stango made a motion to adjourn the meeting. K. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Nunno adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Simpson
Recorder