

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Directors meeting of May 14, 2008.

1. Roll Call

Present: Kitty Nelson, Alan Chapin, Rev. Osmun, MaryLou Kecko and Diane Candido.

Absent: Ray Ferguson, Ross DeLeonardo and Gary Johnson.
Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. Minutes

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

3. Staff Report

- Human Services served 229 individuals equaling 577 family members; Youth and Family Services had 103 cases equaling 348 people; Programs served 323 family members.
- Mindy and Lindsey held the Spring Rent A Kid Sign Up Program. Over 50 kids and their parents came. There are over 90 kids currently on the list.
- June 12th is the Mayor's Youth Award. Board members were advised to nominate any youth that qualify for this award. There are four categories. This is the 20th anniversary of the award. The deadline for nominations is 5/19/08. The ceremony will be at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. It was discussed that the time of year for this award may not be the best and having it in the fall is being considered.
- No word on the budget yet. The Board of Aldermen budget hearing was on 4/16/08. The budget that was submitted was reviewed with board members. The atmosphere of the hearings were to cut 10% and this is a concern.
- The Energy Program ended May 1st except for those with shut off notices. These will continue until the 15th. The Rent Rebate Program will begin on May 15th and appointments for this are being made now.
- Mindy has a Social Expedition Program trip to the Beardsley Zoo on a school vacation day this month. Family Fun Night ran once this month as well. Napoli Deli, Craig Carr (owner) continues to donate additional foods and gives a discount and doesn't charge tax. A plaque is being presented to him for his contributions.
- Cindy, Cheryl, Mindy and Lisa went to the Shelter for a meeting, as requested by the Mayor to better attempt at coordinating services. Lisa was not happy at the presentation that the Director gave at the budget hearings. She presented as though she worked very closely with Bridges and never mentioned Human Services. Then, when questioned about the no freeze shelter, she didn't credit Human Services except to wrongly state that Human Services funds were used to help pay for it. (Lisa will write a letter to the Mayor to reflect these misstatements as a matter of record as directed by Board President Kitty Nelson). A family tried to access the shelter this week and was unable to because they were an intact family with children 14 and over.

The Caseworker referred them to Human Services for placement. Historically, Milford people can not be placed in the shelter. A discussion followed regarding referrals and the length of stay for the shelter and that it is really transitional housing. Nelson suggested requesting figures from the Shelter for the past 10 years regarding the turnaround time for residents.

4. Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed and a motion was made by Kecko, seconded by Chapin to accept the report as presented. 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