

# Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of June 8, 2011.

## 1. Roll Call

Present: Diane Candido, Alan Chapin, Paul Geer, Kitty Nelson, Donna Nunno, Rev. Deutzmann and MaryLou Kecko.

Absent: Ross DeLeonardo and Gary Johnson.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond Graham, Melissa Dubiel and Pam Staneski.

Kecko called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## 2. Minutes

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

## 3. Staff Report

- 451 Milford residents received services on the **Human Services** side from various outreach programs such as the Rent Rebate Program, which began on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Energy Assistance Program (which ended around the same time), food referrals and needs assessments to these clients; intakes and assessments to utilize the Neighbor to Neighbor grant that assisted with rent, security deposits and food vouchers. To date more than \$4,000.00 was given to struggling Milford families. Over 141 people have been assisted through case management services this past month.
- On the **Youth Services** side the psychodrama program included a performance for all the families of the youth in the program as well as the youth and families that are part of the Family Fun Night program. Also, the Social Expedition Program was held and it is hopeful that state funding is available for this summer so that again trips can be offered during the summer while school is closed so that parents who need to work can be supported. The Rent A Kid program held another sign up session at Parsons and over 20 families came down to sign their kids up. This month 129 new calls were received from residents who want to hire youth for jobs. There are now 158 youth on the active list. We are looking to start a satellite program to the Rent A Kid program with a technology piece. A press release is being sent out this week to enlist youth interested in joining the list. Family Therapy remains at an increasing level due to the schools making referrals at this time of year so that families are not without services over the summer.
- The Mayor's Youth Award was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Parsons. It was, as always, very successful and very moving. There were 215 people in attendance. It was Christie Roche's first year running the program and she did a phenomenal job. The youth presented the Mayor with a plaque as it is his last year for the program.

- The Back to School back pack program has already begun and this will be worked on throughout the summer
- Budget – the budget was cut \$18,000.00 and this is a problem.

#### **4. Fiscal Report**

A motion was made by Chapin, seconded by Rev. Deutzmann to approve the report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. Nominating Committee**

Alan Chapin will be the nominating committee.

#### **6. New Business**

Nelson received a letter from Planning and Zoning. They are updating their plan of development and are seeking input. Mixed use housing was discussed. Lisa stated that youth have stated that public transportation is a problem for after school and evenings. Affordable housing is an issue. Emergency shelter for families is an issue. Input will be drafted for the board to review.

The next regular meeting will be on 7/20/11.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording  
Secretary