

## Minutes of the Human Services Board of Directors meeting of September 9, 2009.

### 1. Roll Call

Present: Gary Johnson, MaryLou Kecko, Diane Candido and Donna Nunno.

Absent: Kitty Nelson, Ray Ferguson, Alan Chapin and Ross DeLeonardo.

Also Present: Melissa Dubiel and Phil Vetro.

Due to the lack of quorum, the following was briefly discussed.

### 2. Staff Report

- Human Services saw 450 individuals; 777 family members. Youth Services had 140 Family Therapy Cases on going; 489 people in Therapy. There were 363 family members for the prevention piece. This large drop in numbers is due to all of the programs that were unable to be held over the summer, due to budget cuts.
- All of the Senior and Disabled Housing sites as well as the Senior Center, were visited in July and August to distribute 425 Farmers Market Food Vouchers.
- The Rent Rebate Program ends on 9/15/09.
- The Energy Program started on 8/3/09. There are already 266 appointments to date on the books.
- Lisa met with State Representative Barbara Lambert last week. State Rep. Lambert contacted Lisa regarding some letters she had sent about state funding cuts. The visit went very well.
- Lisa and Mindy went to the Devon Rotary on 9/2/09. It went very well. A follow up letter was sent requesting \$2,500.00. A gentleman approached Lisa following the presentation and handed her \$100.00. Lisa will update the board with the outcome.
- Lisa attended the opening ceremony for the school system on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- It is still being determined what programs for Youth Services will be able to be offered for this year due to funding. The Improvisations Program will definitely be running (a grant is anticipated through the local prevention council) as well as a few Family Fun Nights. Sean will be doing the recruiting for the Improvisations Group at the end of this month. State grants are still undetermined and enhancement grants have been eliminated.
- Lisa and Erica picked up a \$1,000.00 check from WalMart from the grants that were written. Old Navy was then contacted and \$500.00 in clothing vouchers were purchased for the back to school program. The woman from Human Resources at WalMart is very supportive and has many ideas. There is a volunteer program for employees that after so many hours are completed funds will be donated to the programs where the volunteer hours were performed.
- Employee evaluations are taking place.
- Human Services now has a new website. It is an excellent resource and has all brochures, program information and links.
- 3 Quinnipiac University Interns began today.

**3. Fiscal Report**

The financial report was reviewed. An \$800.00 donation was received from Camp Happiness (in memory of Sean O'Shea) for scholarships for next year. There were many requests received this year.

Vetro reported that the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution for Human Services to accept funds as gifts and Walgreens was suggested as a potential contributor.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording  
Secretary