

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of September 09, 2015.

1. Roll Call

Present: Kitty Nelson, Karen Barnett, Joan Campbell, Rev. Duetzmann, Donna Nunno and Sue Stango.

Absent: Alan Chapin and Scott Moulton.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond-Graham, Beth Simpson, Sean Macauley and Brandon Hall.

Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Duetzmann, seconded by Campbell to accept the minutes of the July meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Staff Report

Over the summer Mindy, Christie and Lisa met with Jim Richitelli and Jeff Neilson of the Milford Public Schools to review the joint policies and put some program plans in place. Mindy and Christie also met with the Milford Police Department regarding setting up this years school programs. Mindy and Christie have met with several school principals to distribute the new flyers that have been distributed to the board and many have now signed up for programs.

The Rental Rebate program will be ending on October 1st. Energy appointments will begin next week. The calls have begun. Staff is training at TEAM this week for any changes in the program. Beth has already been trained and her skills are going to be put to good use during the Energy Program.

Sneaker Program update: Christie, Brandon and Lisa met to have a postmortem on the Sneaker Program. Expansion, funding sources, locations and school involvement has been reviewed. As it gets closer, they will come before the board with their timeline and ideas. They did a wonderful job on the Pilot Program in a very short amount of time. Brandon reported that the Sneaker Program went very well and was a very positive program. 23 families participated in activities. 29 kids received sneakers. The sneakers were purchased from the Children's Foot Locker; the staff was a tremendous help with accommodating sizes, color, etc. Nike shoes were purchased. The kids were from John F. Kennedy and Pumpkin Delight Schools. Brandon and staff will be reaching out to some corporations for sponsors for next year.

Kelli Goulart, long time employee of Employment and Training passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. We all worked very closely with Kelli on a daily basis. Kelli was instrumental in supporting so many of our clients with developing resumes and finding employment; she enabled them to feel successful and to turn a corner in their lives. Human Services had such an amazing partnership with Kelli and she is already sorely missed. Lisa asked the board to make a donation in Kelli's memory to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association as her family has requested. A motion was made by Rev. Duetzmann, seconded by Barnett to make a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from the board's account. The motion carried unanimously.

June, July and August reports were distributed. Lisa stated that collecting and reporting statistics has been difficult; trying to avoid an overlap in reporting. People use multiple services. Sean and Annaliese have been working on this for months creating a new method of data collection. Sean reviewed the spreadsheet used to create the statistics. A bar graph showed the number of people verses the number of households served and the categories broken down. Emails, phone calls, appointments and walk-ins are being logged. Outreach is drastically increasing. A discussion followed regarding holiday donations verses the need throughout the year. There is an influx of donations around the holidays when there is a great need year round. Meeting with some of the major donors to review the possibility of donating gift cards for groceries/diapers was also discussed.

Statistics: 455 clients participated in prevention based programs and 170 therapy clients on the Youth Services side in August.

5. Fiscal Report

Beth reviewed the financial report and what grants have been received. A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Stango to accept the report as presented and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

Joan Campbell,
Recording Secretary