

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of September 10, 2014.

1. Roll Call

Present: Joan Campbell, Diane Candido, Alan Chapin, Rev. Duetzmann, MaryLou Kecko, Donna Nunno, Sue Stango and Kitty Nelson.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond-Graham, Beth Simpson and Alderwoman Dora Kubek.

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

2. Minutes

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

3. Staff Report

Lisa was happy to report that for the first time in a very long time the office is at full staff and she introduced new staff member Beth Simpson. Lisa reported that she has been a huge help, has great skills and ideas and fits in nicely.

Human Services – over 150 backpacks have been distributed to the Outreach clients and the Rent Rebate Program is still being conducted until September 15th; conducting site visits to all Senior and Disabled Housing sites. The Energy Program has begun and applications will start to be taken as of September 15th for deliverable fuels. 275 Farmers Market Vouchers were distributed. Sean has started working on the Thanksgiving for Giving Program; Lisa met with Kevin Pelham for the Boy Scout Food Drive. Brandon Hall jumped right in as Outreach Worker and is doing a wonderful job.

Youth Services – we continue to provide support services through the summer for the Jonathan Law families affected by the tragedy. In addition, Fran Thompson, Principal of JLHS, contacted Lisa in order to provide some trauma work for the back to school week for the staff. Mindy and the Milford Police Department began another cycle of the Juvenile diversion Program. Lisa proudly reported that Mindy, Christie and she were asked by the CT State Youth Services Association to present at the statewide conference. They have been identified as one of the leading clinical youth service bureaus. They are presenting about the multifaceted role of Youth Service Bureaus in the community and the need to think outside the box, do more with less and collaborate with the community to provide maximum effective services. Lisa asked Annaliese Spaziano, Director of The Academy, to join them on the panel. They met with the Director of the Stamford Youth and Family Services to learn about a couple of programs that they run. One of which was a Mayor's Youth Employment Program that is a leadership program that

weaves in community development, life skills, job skills and mentoring and would allow a partnership with Employment and Training, the schools, Community Development, Human Resources and many public and private organizations. Successful completion of this program has resulted in an increase in high school graduation rates, decrease in bullying, increase in employment in the community, improvement in self esteem and much more. Lisa has reached out to the Mayor regarding this. School groups and services are being set up and should be in most schools providing either satellite, groups or both.

4. Fiscal Report

Beth reviewed the financial report and discussed creating a long term analysis. Lisa reported that they are simplifying/streamlining the bookkeeping process and looking at the budget long term.

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

5. New Business

Rev. Duetzmann reported that the Thanksgiving Eve service offerings will be donated to The Energy Program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko,
Recording Secretary