

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of November 10, 2010.

1. Roll Call

Present: Kitty Nelson, Diane Candido, Alan Chapin, Ross DeLeonardo, Rev. Duetzmann, Gary Johnson and Donna Nunno.

Absent: Paul Geer and MaryLou Kecko.

Also Present: Pam Staneski and Phil Vetro; Board of Aldermen. Lisa Diamond Graham and Melissa Dubiel.

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

2. Minutes

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

3. Staff Report

- The Energy Program is in full swing. There are approximately 625 appointments scheduled and that is only through mid January so far.
- Additionally, the Thanksgiving and Christmas support programs for Milford families is extremely busy. It is now necessary for people to be put on a waiting list for Thanksgiving baskets; we have already committed to over 400 baskets for families. United Way will be setting up a fund, acting as fiduciary for any community donations, and Lisa has spoken to the owner of Shop Rite in Milford who is working with Human Services on a food gift card/voucher program. He has generously stated that he will donate to the program as well. Milford Patch, an on line radio/newspaper for Milford, is putting word out for donations as well as Milford's Social Service Network, Milford's Youth Network and the Board of Alderman. There has been a significant increase in requests for assistance this year over last year. Not only in these two programs, but in all services.
- Christmas – there are already over 100 families on the list. This is families, not individual children and normally at this time of year there is not anyone on a Christmas list. People are needed to adopt families and/or monetary donations; gift cards, toys, etc.
- Intakes for Therapy also continue to be up. The major referral source is the school system. Referrals are received from Bridges, DCF, the courts (particularly probate court), and self referrals.

- Family Fun Night and Social Expedition met this month. Improvisations is recruiting, however, the Milford Prevention Council grant that was applied for was not granted. Lisa is trying to look into other funding sources for next year, however this year is still an issue.
- The Rent A Kid program has approximately 150 youths on the list and many calls are received daily for this program.
- There will be a joint program with The Academy students and staff in December revolving around community service and families.
- The issue regarding full health care coverage for employees is ongoing. Lisa sent a memo to the Mayor requesting funds from the city to cover this for this year and she has not had a response as of yet. However, these additional funds have been requested in next years' budget. If these funds are not available a staff position would have to be eliminated.

4. Fiscal Report

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

5. By Laws

A motion was made by Chapin, seconded by DeLeonardo to approve the By Laws as revised on 11/1/10 by the subcommittee. Johnson thanked Chapin and Nunno for their participation in this process. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording
Secretary