

1. Roll Call

Present: Donna Nunno, Karen Barnett, Brendan Casey, Rev. Duetzmann, Kitty Nelson and Sue Stango.

Absent: Joan Campbell, Alan Chapin and Scott Moulton.

Also Present: Ellen Beatty, Board of Aldermen liaison, Christie Roche and Beth Simpson.

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

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Minutes

Christie received an email from Campbell clarifying the actions of the December meeting and asked for a motion to correct the January 13th minutes to include that there were two motions made, as follows: Campbell made a motion to correct the minutes from the previous meeting to reflect that she was not present for the vote on the third page, second paragraph. This motion was seconded and carried unanimously. A second motion was made by Rev. Duetzmann and seconded by Stango that in Item 7. New Business that Nelson stated critical business verses sensitive issue. The motion carried with Campbell opposed. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Rev. Duetzmann that the minutes of 1/13/16 be approved with these amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Staff Report

Youth and Family Services

- 320 clients are being seen for therapy services and 493 clients are in preventive based programs.
- Satellite therapy groups and programs at Calf Pen, the Academy, Pumpkin Delight, Orchard Hills and Law are ongoing.
- Currently facilitating two social skills groups at the Boys & Girls Club as part of their winter programs.
- Mindy attended the CCSU (CT Central State University) MFT Internship Fair.
- Attended MDT (Multiple Disciplinary Team), Truancy and Milford Collaborative meetings this month.
- Submitted a formal letter of commitment to Bridges in order to collaborate with them on a grant that they are applying for with Trauma Awareness Consortium of CT through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Goal is to develop a trauma informed system of care which would expand trauma awareness and services for children and their families.

Human Services

- Beth scheduled another 55 appointments bringing the total number to 754 scheduled Energy Assistance appointments.

- We were awarded \$250 by the Milford Bank Grant Foundation and also received a donation from the First United Church of Christ in the amount of \$577. These resources will go directly to helping clients with energy assistance.
- Continued to compile a list of families in need for the Easter Meal Basket program that we run in partnership with Foran High.
- Outreach Clinicians have distributed a total of \$3,288.20 from United Way, Salvation Army, St. Mary's and our own funds.
- Provided 193 services to 362 Milford residents in December – Energy Assistance, Food Referrals and general Outreach Services.
- Outreach Services provided this month include: budget counseling, utility assistance, housing assistance, SNAP, Employment & Training and Diaper Bank referrals.

Department

- Christie chaired and attended the Youth Service Network meeting on January 6th.
- Presented our services to the School Nurses on 1/27/16.
- Mindy, Sean, Brandon and Christie along with several of the Interns will be piloting a program at Beth-El beginning later this month. This program will start with 6 weeks and see if more is needed.
- Will be hosting a workshop at the Library later this month on "How to Beat the Winter Blues."
- Christie met with Deepa Joseph, Director of the Health Department to discuss possible merger. Shared her preliminary thoughts and expressed concerns with continuing services and staff and asked to be included in future discussions of the matter.
- Board of Finance meeting was on 2/9/16. The Mayor approved the requested budget and we are waiting to hear back on recommendations for the Board of Finance and will be presenting to the Board of Aldermen later in the spring.

5. Fiscal Report

Beth reviewed the report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Barnett to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Old Business

None.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

Joan Campbell, Recording
Secretary