

**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: Christie Roche and Beth Simpson.

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

**2. Public Comments**

None.

**3. Minutes**

A motion was made by Rev. Duetzmann, seconded by Stango that the minutes of 02/10/16 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Staff Report**

**Youth and Family Services**

- 310 clients are being served with therapy services and 457 clients are in prevention based programs.
- Ongoing satellite therapy groups and programs at Calf Pen, The Academy, Pumpkin Delight, Orchard Hills and Law.
- Continuing to facilitate two social skills groups at the Boys & Girls Club as part of their winter programs. These groups will be concluding in the near future at which point we will reconnect with the staff at the Club to determine what, if any programs may be needed in the spring.
- Began offering a program to families at Beth-El aimed at processing their transition into and out of homelessness. This is a six week pilot program.
- Preparing two staff development trainings that we will be offering in March. One at the Beth-El Shelter and the other at the Academy.
- Our Boosting Family Bonds Program (raising resilient children) just began the first week in March. We are able to run that due to grant funding from Bridges.
- Mindy recently met with the Interim Director of the Academy, Sarah Scionti, to ensure a smooth transition of clinical services and referrals while she is getting acclimated in her role. The former Director left to take a position with the Board of Education as the Supervisor of Student Development.
- Mindy attending the MDT meeting for February.
- Mindy and Christie are currently coordinating a site visit with faculty from St. Joseph's MFT program. We have been approached by a student from that program and will be expanding our clinical training services to include that university. There are 5 MFT programs in CT.

**Human Services**

- Continued work on the Easter Basket Food Program and will be coordinating pick-up of the baskets for the week leading up to Easter.

- Sean, Brandon and Christie attended the February Collaborative for Residential Integrity of the Disabled & Elderly (C-Ride) Meeting. This addresses hoarding, blight issues, etc.
- Compiled a list of families in need for the Grow Up with Good Nutrition Program in partnership with Beth-El and the Connecticut Food Bank. Provided 12 out of the possible 20 spots.
- Outreach Clinicians have distributed a total of \$2400.00 from United Way, Salvation Army, St. Mary's and our own monies.
- Provided 150 services to 272 Milford Residents in February -- Energy Assistance, Food Referrals, and general Outreach Services.
- Outreach services provided this month include: Budget counseling, gift cards, utility assistance, housing assistance, 211 homelessness referrals, SNAP, Employment and Training and Diaper Bank referrals.

### **Department**

- Attended a meeting in partnership with the Mayor's Office, City Attorney's Office, Police Department, Open Space and Natural Resources Department & Beth El to discuss the chronic homeless living on Open Space land in Milford.
- Generally speaking, operations have been running smoothly although increasingly busy in Christie's dual roles as Program Coordinator and Interim Director.
- There was an update in the Board of Health Department minutes stating that discussions of the merger are ongoing.
- Barnett asked about the Sneaker Program. Christie stated that this will begin in the next few weeks. The Mayors' Youth Award is beginning.

### **5. Fiscal Report**

Beth reviewed the report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Rev. Duetzmann 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 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

Joan Campbell, Recording  
Secretary