

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of March 12, 2014.

1. Roll Call

Present: Kitty Nelson, Alan Chapin, Diane Candido, and Sue Stango.

Absent: Gary Johnson, Rev. Deutzmann, Donna Nunno and MaryLou Kecko.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond-Graham.

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

Nelson reported that Gary Johnson has submitted his letter of resignation from the board. There are two vacancies on the board; one Labor Representative and one Chamber Representative.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Candido, seconded by Stango to accept the minutes of the February meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Staff Report

- Youth Services – there are 466 clients being treated in family therapy services and 513 clients in prevention based youth and family programs. On the Human Service side; 39 intakes for case management were completed and 78 energy appointments were completed helping 163 clients. There were 5 snow days this month and many seniors had difficulty getting into our offices and had to reschedule. Anna and Sean also made many home visits.
- Christie and Mindy completed the Workshop Series for Staff at the Milford Library that consisted of informational and educational resources for them. They will be meeting with the Director of the Library (Chris Angeli) to determine if this will be an ongoing program.
- Christie and Mindy also began a new parenting program in collaboration with Bridges this month that meets weekly and provides parenting education, support and child care. There has been such overwhelming interest that a waiting list had to be started for the next round.
- Annaliese is leading an Easter Basket Program and partnering with Foran High School doing fundraising activities as well as food baskets. Shop Rite and United Way have been contacted to partner with this as well.
- The Energy Program will be winding down early next month. They have completed close to 1000 applications this season for Milford residents. At the same time, the Rent Rebate program will be starting up. We received some good news from OPM (Office of Policy and Management). We believe that this year, unlike last year, all people are eligible to apply. Last year, only those applicants who had applied the

previous year were eligible to apply because the state was beginning a sundowning on this program. This year, we have been informed that they will be lifting this and once again making the funds accessible to everyone who qualifies.

- The Senior Farmers Market Food Vouchers are expected to be the same amount as last year.
- The Mayor's Youth Award has begun. Nominations are encouraged of any youth or group that qualifies for this award. The deadline for nominations is Monday March 31st. We have applications; there are also applications at the Mayor's Office, Parsons and on the City's website. Anyone can nominate; a parent, clergy, friend, teacher, mentor, etc. This year's event has adopted a new logo: BELIEVING IN TOMORROW, TODAY.

4. Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed. The Mayor has put a freeze on all hires until 7/1/14. Therefore, Melissa's position cannot be replaced until then. A motion was made by Chapin, seconded by Stango to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Lisa will be on vacation for next months' meeting; Mindy will be representing her.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording
Secretary