

## Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of May 13, 2015.

### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Karen Barnett, Joan Campbell, Rev. Duetzmann, Scott Moulton and Sue Stango.

Absent: Kitty Nelson, Alan Chapin, MaryLou Kecko and Donna Nunno.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond-Graham and Beth Simpson.

A motion was made by Rev. Duetzmann, seconded by Stango to elect a Chairman Pro-Temp. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Rev. Duetzmann to nominate Moulton Chairman Pro-Temp. The motion carried unanimously.

Moulton called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

### **2. Public Comments**

None.

### **3. Minutes**

It was noted that Rev. Duetzmann's name was spelled incorrectly in the minutes. A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Campbell to accept the minutes of the April meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Staff Report**

Youth and Family Services provided programs and therapy to 914 family members in the month of April and Human Services administered programs and services to 279 family members.

Highlights from last month included the Energy Assistance program ending, the Renters Rebate program beginning; the Youth Services Day at the State Capital, the Milford Schools Career Fair, the St. Ann's Health Fair and a presentation on Bullying at the Library. These were all in addition to all of the school groups, therapy appointments and regular outreach appointments at the office.

Lisa presented the budget to the Board of Aldermen. Some interesting statistics from the previous fiscal year that she shared were that Human Services impacted 18,787 Milford residents in the form of therapy, programs or direct service support. This was an increase from the prior year by 5,003 people. Staff has also written and received more grants whose rewards will be going directly to Milford families to assist in subsidizing their daily lives. In 2014, the Energy Program processed 802 applications which provided

Milford residents with \$406,290.00 in direct payments towards their heating costs. She explained the method of combining the financial assistance with outreach and therapy to deliver sustainable changes, not just bandaids to the multifaceted issues presented by the clients. How client focused, wraparound in-house services are provided with little to no division between the two agencies for the most cost saving, streamlined approach.

Lisa announced her pending retirement and had met privately with the Mayor a few days prior and informed him of her planned retirement in the Fall. Nelson has reached out to the Mayor to discuss this and is awaiting a response.

## **5. Old Business**

The Sneaker Program – Pumpkin Delight has given their response for need of 19. John F. Kennedy has not responded yet. The deadline is 5/21/15. When the final count is received, a quote will be requested from Arciolo's. A check for \$1,000.00 was received from the Devon Rotary. This program will be for the back to school time.

## **6. Fiscal Report**

Beth reviewed the report and noted that funds will have to be transferred to cover fringes for one month. A reserve account has been set up for Camp Happiness Scholarships. A motion was made by Stango, seconded by Rev. Duetzmann to accept the financial report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

MaryLou Kecko, Recording  
Secretary