

1. Roll Call

Present: Donna Nunno, Karen Barnett, Joan Campbell, Brendan Casey, Rev. Duetzmann, Scott Moulton and Sue Stango.

Absent: Kitty Nelson.

Also Present: Ellen Beatty, 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 Casey that the minutes of 03/09/16 and 05/11/16 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Staff Report

Youth and Family Services

- April – 348 clients are being served with therapy services and 1350 clients are in prevention based programs.
- Concluding satellite therapy groups and programs at Calf Pen, The Academy, Pumpkin Delight, Orchard Hills and Law.
- Took the Family Fun Night group on the road and attended a showing of Annie at the Shubert in New Haven in April; this was a great success!
- The Boosting Family Bonds Program concluded in April. Individualized program for six Milford families. Bridges was partnered with for funding.
- Mindy and Christie met with Nicole Vonoy, Program Manager for the Young Parent Program at Bridges and Deb Gannon, also of Bridges. Karen Shur has retired from the YPP and this meeting was at the request of Nicole to familiarize her with services as well as talk about ways for continued collaboration.
- Mindy and Christie attended the CTAMFT conference on April 29th which discussed current trends in Divorce.
- Hosted the Mayor's Youth Award Thursday May 5th. It was perhaps the most well attended to date with over 400 youth nominated. It had to be moved to Parson's due to the turnout; almost 1,000 attended.

Human Services

- Outreach Clinicians have distributed a total of \$3215.78 from United Way, Salvation Army, St. Mary's and our own monies.
- Provided 112 services to 222 Milford Residents in April -- Energy Assistance, Food Referrals, and general Outreach Services.

- Outreach services provided this month include: Budget counseling, gift cards, utility assistance, housing assistance, SNAP, Camp Assistance and Diaper Bank referrals.
- Transitioning between Energy Assistance and Renter's Rebate Program. Began taking appointments for Milford residents 65+ or renters under 65 who collect Social Security Disability beginning the week of May 23rd. Annual site visits to the senior housing sites begin the week of June 13.

Department

- Chaired the Social Service Network Meeting on April 1st – presentation by Karen Kipfer, Milford Hospital and Deepa Joseph, Health Department on "Community Health Needs Assessment/Community Health Improvement Planning Update".
- Chaired the Youth Service Network Meeting on May 4th – presentation by Mayor.
- Participated in the St. Ann's Health and Wellness Fair to disseminate information to the Milford community.
- Continued the discussion from February regarding the homeless population on open space land with Beth-El, MPD, Health Department, Veteran's Affairs and the Mayor's Office. April 29th a representative for each of these departments/organizations went to provide outreach and attempt to engage those individuals.
- Beth and Christie presented to the Board of Aldermen on April 27th.

5. Fiscal Report

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

6. Old Business

On May 10th, Christie had a meeting with the Mayor and Director's of HR, Employment and Training and the Health Department regarding the status of the department. The Mayor stated that a consolidation/restructuring would be taking place effective July 1st and asked that she follow up with him regarding any measures she would like to have considered on behalf of the department and the clients served.

Last week she received notice that the Human Services ordinance was up for review by the Board of Alderman and there were significant changes made effective 6/6/16. The Board is now advisory verses managerial and now a division of the Health Department.

A lot will be determined in the next few months and the concern is providing services to clients.

7. New Business – Election of Officers:

The following nominations were made by Rev. Duetzmann:

Nunno – Chair

Stango – Vice Chair

Barnett – Secretary

Casey seconded the nominations. There being no further nominations a call to accept the nominations as presented carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

Joan Campbell, Recording
Secretary