

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Directors meeting of June 10, 2009.

1. Roll Call

Present: Kitty Nelson, Gary Johnson, Diane Candido, Alan Chapin, Ross DeLeonardo, MaryLou Kecko and Ray Ferguson

Also Present: Melissa Dubiel and Phil Vetro.
Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ferguson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and carried unanimously.

3. Staff Report

Human Services saw 210 individuals; 505 family members. Youth Services had 145 Therapy Cases; 504 people. There were 698 family members for the prevention piece.

A letter was received from the Kelleher family thanking the Board for their contribution. A thank you card was received from a family that received services from Erica and this was distributed.

Budget – this year the budget was cut \$8,500.00 with the additional cut of \$5,000.00 from last year. This decimates not only the budget, but the departments. Insurance costs have risen. The Summer Social Expedition Program had to be cancelled immediately as well as the summer Rent a Kid sign up. The Outreach Worker position was just filled and this position may not be able to be maintained due to the 15% increase in the benefits costs. The budget cuts put the funding below what is needed to maintain current services. The seasonal/temporary position will not be able to be hired for the Energy Program this year and it is anticipated that there will be a huge increase in need this fall and winter. The Senior Farmers Market Food Voucher Program will go on as already committed but next year it will not.

Lisa sent a letter to the Board of Aldermen and there are 43 non Union City employees that had a \$300 wage adjustment taken away that resulted in a pay cut. The remaining 500 Union City employees will still receive this. Staff already voluntarily agreed to take a pay freeze. The response from Ben Blake, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen stated that due to the fact that Human Services is a grant agency the \$300 can be granted to non union employees at the Director's discretion. A discussion followed; there has been no final word on state grants. One enhancement grant has definitely been eliminated in the amount of \$7,500.00. Nelson stated that fund raising has been discussed and she questioned if a Civic entity could run a program or if they could donate to support a program. The Rotary Club was discussed and Lisa holding a presentation at their meeting. Johnson suggested an emergency fund request for programs. Johnson and

DeLeonardo stated that they would look into having Lisa on the Rotary Club agenda. Kiwanis and the Milford Elks were also suggested as possible donors. Lisa again inquired as to eligibility for United Way funding and it was discussed that Human Services is not eligible for funding through the United Way because it is a requirement to be a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization to receive funding.

The Energy Program was discussed. This program is run through TEAM and Human Services does the application process for Milford residents.

Lisa will have to look at restructuring staff and various positions were discussed.

The Police and Youth Community Day was held and it was very successful. Over 200 people attended. Lisa attended the Mayor's committee for People with Disabilities and requested additional donations for the Camp Happiness Program.

All other programs are status quo.

4. Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed and a motion was made by DeLeonardo, seconded by Chapin to approve the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reminder – the July meeting will be for elections.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

MaryLou Kecko,
Recording Secretary