

Minutes of the Human Services Board of Director's meeting of September 8, 2010.

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Kitty Nelson, Diane Candido, Donna Nunno, Rev. Duetzmann , Paul Geer, Gary Johnson and Ross DeLeonardo.

Absent: Alan Chapin.

Also Present: Phil Vetro and Pam Staneski; Board of Aldermen. Lisa Diamond Graham and Melissa Dubiel.

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

**2. Minutes**

A motion was made by DeLeonardo, seconded by Geer to approve the minutes of the July meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Staff Report**

- The Rent Rebate Program will be ending on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Energy Program began on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The office has already been so inundated with phone calls that a message had to be put on the voicemail asking for people to leave a message for Energy and that they would get a return call within 3 days. A mass email was also distributed to city departments announcing the program and the best way to reach the office.
- Mindy will be sending out a letter to all Pupil Personnel and School Administrators at the end of the month reminding them of the clinical and prevention based services (as is done at the beginning of each school year) and will then meet with all Board of Education staff in the next couple of months.
- Lisa has been part of the Steering Committee for the Milford Prevention Council this past year, representing the City as part of the collaboration between the City, United Way and Bridges. This committee has worked very hard on a 5 year grant focused on Prevention Based Strategies for Youth and Families and is happy to report that they were awarded funding of \$125,000.00 annually for five years. Bridges will serve as the Fiduciary. The Council is in the process of attaining 501C status. This funding will enable the hiring of a Coordinator. A call was received from Senator Dodd when the grant was awarded. This is an exciting grant with a lot of work ahead.
- The staff restructuring is going forward and Lisa has been working with the By-Laws Committee. A new proposal will be presented at the next board meeting.
- The first Family Fun Night met last week; many new families joined the group. (Melissa, Greg and Robin are running this group)

- Improvisations will be starting up and a grant proposal was submitted to the Prevention Council for this. No response as of yet.
- An Enhancement grant was received from the State Department of Education in the amount of \$7,500.00 which will enable the Social Expedition Program to be offered to Youth and their families again this year.
- The Rent A Kid program has over 160 youth involved.
- There have been some security issues with the building that are being worked on.
- All other programs are status quo.

### **3. Fiscal Report**

A motion was made by DeLeonardo, seconded by Rev. Duetzmann to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko,  
Recording Secretary