

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

1. Roll Call

Present: Joan Campbell, Diane Candido, Rev. Duetzmann, Donna Nunno, Sue Stango and Kitty Nelson.

Absent: Alan Chapin and MaryLou Kecko.

Also Present: Lisa Diamond-Graham and Beth Simpson.

Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Duetzmann, seconded by Nunno to accept the minutes of the October meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Staff Report

Milford Youth and Family Services provided 243 clients with therapeutic services and 429 clients with prevention based programmatic services in October. A huge thank you to Christie for filling in for Mindy and doing all of the clinical intakes while Mindy is out in addition to all of her own responsibilities.

Human Services is in the midst of the Energy Program and Sean and Brandon completed 82 applications themselves this month. In addition to the energy appointments they also had 48 separate case management assessment appointments and made 32 referrals to the Food Bank which also requires a short intake.

Also, we are coordinating the Thanksgiving Food Basket program and have arranged for approximately 375 families to have Thanksgiving dinner this year courtesy of the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Lions Club, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Milford Radiology, Women's Inc., and a private donor. The Adopt a Family Holiday Program has also begun.

Sean has now coordinated this program for two years and has observed that while there is such generosity from our community around this one day, there appears to be much duplication also. He has suggested that we create a year long program of feeding families utilizing this spirit of giving. Lisa brought this to the Social Service Network and will also talk to the Clergy Association to come up with a joint program. Schools also do a Thanksgiving program for their own families and it is difficult to coordinate all programs.

4. Fiscal Report

Lisa and Beth met with the Finance Director and added line items for donation accounts for both Human Services and Youth Services. This makes a much cleaner way of tracking donations. The financial report now includes Therapy revenue as well. Rev.

Duetzmann discussed churches contributing to a fund for emergencies through Human Services; this will be discussed at the Clergy Round Table.

A motion was made by Rev. Duetzmann, seconded by Candido to approve the financial report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

Nelson noted that a fundraiser “Keeping Milford Warm” is being held through the Kiwanis Club and will be the first weekend in December at the Yacht Club. Lisa stated that funds for this are going through the Salvation Army. Lisa has been trying to collaborate/coordinate services and has not been successful as of yet. Nelson stated that it would be a legitimate request for a list of recipients from Keep Milford Warm so as to not duplicate services.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko,
Recording Secretary