

Agenda
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday September 19, 2023, 6PM
Town Hall Annex
48 West Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413

- I. Call to Order
- II. Chairperson's Remarks
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 15 Regular Meeting
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Update on Director's Position
- VI. Director's Report
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. HSAB Youth Representative
- IX. Adjourn

Action Items: _____

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 6:00PM
Via Google

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Erin Gaudet, Gerry Baird, Brian Corbin, Amanda Stevens
Board Members Absent: Celeste Calabotta, Mark Barillaro
Staff Members Present: Cheryl Church, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: Erin will make remarks when agenda item V, Update on Director's Position, is addressed.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting June 20, 2023: motioned by S. Auletta, seconded by E. Gaudet passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: C. Church noted that two months of reports is included. June's report is the end of FY23 and July's report is the beginning of FY24.

Director's Report: C. Church commented that summer programs are winding down and school begins on Tuesday, August 29th. Back-to-School program will take place Tuesday the 22nd, Wednesday the 23rd, and Thursday the 24th. Items to be distributed include backpacks and other school supplies; CVS, Walgreen, food and \$30.00 shoe gift cards.

Update on Director's Position: E. Gaudet noted that she had invited the Town Manager to attend this meeting but he was unable to attend due to prior meeting commitments. He did, however, agree to and did provide an update regarding status. Erin expressed frustration about the lack of communication and exclusion of board members in the hiring process. It appears the hiring pool is very small and there is currently only one viable candidate who is currently not in state. G. Baird commented that not having a Director is detrimental to mental health programs and questioned whether the board should attend a Town Council meeting to see what can be done – what other options are open for recruiting, salary, union contract, etc. Erin encouraged the board to reach out to Town Hall with their concerns and suggestions. Erin also asked if members were okay with going back to in-person board meetings starting in September and there were no objections.

Correspondence: Thank-you note from Sydney Robinson to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero

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TOWN OF CLINTON
 EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT

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 DEPARTMENT-4419 YOUTH & FAMILY

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51310	SALARIES-FULL TIME	261,333.00	11,336.40	.00	43,794.50	217,538.50	16.76
51320	SALARIES - PART TIM	25,850.00	1,026.00	.00	2,394.00	22,665.00	9.55
52900	TRAVEL EXPENSE	950.00	.00	.00	187.50	2,002.50	8.33
53200	PROFESSIONAL SERVIC	2,250.00	187.50	.00	187.50	2,002.50	8.33
33220	IN SERVICE	1,000.00	.00	.00	791.54	1,000.00	24.74
36100	GENERAL SUPPLIES	3,200.00	791.54	.00	791.54	2,408.46	28.26
56900	OTHER SUPPLIES	2,500.00	85.18	.00	385.18	1,793.44	53.83
58100	DUES & FEES	1,430.00	.00	.00	574.75	660.25	.00
58800	PROGRAM COST	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	.00
58900	OTHER ITEMS	10,000.00	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	.00
	TOTAL YOUTH & FAMILY	309,622.00	13,426.62	516.38	48,127.47	260,978.15	15.71
	TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND	309,622.00	13,426.62	516.38	48,127.47	260,978.15	15.71
	TOTAL REPORT	309,622.00	13,426.62	516.38	48,127.47	260,978.15	15.71

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TOWN OF CLINTON
 EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT

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FUND-44 YOUTH/FAMILY FUNDS
 DEPARTMENT-4419 YOUTH & FAMILY

ACCOUNT	TITLE	BUDGET	PERIOD EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES OUTSTANDING	YEAR TO DATE EXP	AVAILABLE BALANCE	YTD/ BUD
58970	PEER PROGRAMS	58,360.84	370.56	.00	946.56	57,414.28	1.62
58983	FY23 DCF YSR GRANT	.00	-1,323.92	.00	.00	53,806.98	1.00
58987	SAMHSA GRANT EXPS	75,937.21	11,172.12	.00	22,120.23	22,882.65	29.13
58988	FY24 DCF YSR GRANT	30,004.00	3,420.85	2,236.04	2,882.31	133,103.91	20.40
	TOTAL YOUTH & FAMILY	164,292.05	13,645.61	2,236.04	26,952.10	135,103.91	17.77
	TOTAL YOUTH/FAMILY FUNDS	164,292.05	13,645.61	2,236.04	26,952.10	135,103.91	17.77
	TOTAL REPORT	164,292.05	13,645.61	2,236.04	26,952.10	135,103.91	17.77

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- August 2023

- Girls Group continued in August with 5 youth participants facilitated by Jill
- Summer Partners continued in August with 30 youth participants facilitated by Jill
- Little Hikers continued in August with a total of 12 elementary school students and 2 high school CITs facilitated by Shelby
- Trail Blazers continued in August facilitated by Ben
- Enrichment continued through August on Thursdays
- Boys Group ran August 7-11 with 4 Eliot REACT members facilitated by Ben

Partners in Community

- Morgan REACT: 8 REACT members were involved in Summer Partners and mentored and supported elementary school students during weekly activities. They served 15 peers and 0 adults. 7 Morgan REACT members were involved in a REACT graduation celebration on August 8th.
- Eliot REACT:
- PiC: Did not meet in August

Juvenile Review Board

- 0 existing participant – 0 closed case = YTD total: 0

Police Youth Group

- 0 existing participants, 0 attendees this month, FY total 0

Clinical Services

- 22 previously, 1 opened, 1 closed = 22
- Short term responses (non-cases): 0 previously, 1 new = 1 FY total.

Social Services: August 1 – August 31, 2023

Total Assistance: \$12,519.74

Assistance Records: 312

Children (0-17) Assisted: 0

Adults (18-59) Assisted: 28

Seniors (60+) Assisted: 30

Other (unknown) Assisted: 31

Total Cases Assisted: 89

Children (0-17) in Assisted Households: 65

Adults (18-59) in Assisted Households: 51

Seniors (60+) in Assisted Households: 38

Other (unknown) in Assisted Households: 68

Total Households Assisted: 89 households with a total of 222 members

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program: Majority of cards distributed. Program runs through October.

CT Foodshare Mobile Pantry: No pantry in August in Clinton due to CT Foodshare staff development day fell on our distribution day (they do not reschedule events). Next distribution dates are September 8 and October 6.

Operation Fuel reopened August 1st. Maximum assistance is now \$500. The Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority utility shutoff moratorium date for gas and electric utilities is October 31st. As of August 25th, 2,000 applications were received and as of that date they were processing applications from 8/8.

Renter's Tax Relief Program runs through the end of September. Clients must fill out a request for an extension form with a doctor's note stating they were under a physician's care in order to extend the deadline to apply.

Back-to-School Program: We assisted 30 families with school provisions, 60 children total. Families were provided with backpacks, school supplies, a gift card to defray the cost of new shoes for each child, a food card, and a CVC/Walgreens/misc. card for other school supplies/items. St. Mary's, First Church, United Methodist collected school supplies for the program.

Energy Assistance: We are scheduled to begin taking energy assistance applications on September 1st. Due to an increase in new applicants last year, we are taking applications sooner to ensure more applicants will be approved by CRT to receive a delivery on November 1st if needed. CRT has made some change to the online application for clients, in which information will be automatically populated from the DSS link.

Clinton Social Worker Is Patient, Caring And Genuine

Patch is highlighting community leaders. Here's why one resident wants to recognize Clinton Social Services worker Cheryl Church.



Saul Flores, Patch Staff

Posted Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 3:09 pm ET

Here's why one Clinton resident wants to celebrate Cheryl Church. (Patch Graphics)

CLINTON, CT – Without community leaders, Clinton wouldn't hum along nearly as smoothly as it does. We'd miss their contributions in big and small ways.

This submission comes from Celeste Scafuri, a Clinton reader who nominated Cheryl Church.

How do you know this community leader?

She has helped me.

What does this community leader do?

Social services

Why do you believe the community leader should be recognized or honored?

She is patient and caring and component.

What's one thing you want everyone to know about the community hero?

She is genuine.

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This submission comes from Andrea Riskin, a Clinton reader who nominated Cheryl Church.

How do you know this community leader?

I work in the same office.

What does this community leader do?

She runs the town of Clinton's Social Services Department.

Why do you believe the community leader should be recognized or honored?

She has so much empathy for everyone who seeks help and genuinely wants to assist in any way she can.

What's one thing you want everyone to know about the community hero?

She is selfless and works hard every day, always without recognition of how much she does.