

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:00PM
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Litsa Aniskovich (joined 6:15PM), Shelby Auletta, Michelle Bailey, Donielle Didiano (joined 6:11PM), Erin Gaudet, Alan Samet, Jane Scully Welch

Board Members Absent: Dylan Ayer, Brian Corbin, Gerry Vece

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: None.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting March 16, 2021: Motioned by M. Bailey, seconded by J. Scully Welch passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo to review budget going through June 30th – all looks fine.

Correspondence:

- D. Melillo recapped a letter thanking and praising S. Mehmet on her counseling for their child. This is being done through her training in Essex, not the department.
- Kidz Konnection: Has offered 10 one-week camp scholarships for grades K-12.
- Memo to Maryann O'Donnell regarding QPR update and restart of Job Shadow program (being done without clerical support).

Project Courage's 4x4 In 48 Challenge to raise money for May Mental Health Awareness Month: E. Gaudet would like Board members to participate. Proceeds to benefit Guilford, Old Saybrook and Clinton Youth & Family. E. Gaudet will contact B. Potter to see if the Clinton track can be used.

Website: Members are OK with headshots and email addresses.

Director's Report:

- Billing Update – Meeting with a biller on Wednesday. It is seemingly cheaper at this point to do the billing in-house rather than using a billing service.
- Recreation vs Positive Youth Development - Discussed the difference in programs between Park & Rec and Youth & Family. Noted that Youth & Family is geared more towards positive development and leadership programs.
- Working with a clergy group on Wednesday to discuss getting more help with the Christmas program, etc. and to become better known in the community.

Attendance: By-Laws call for 11 meetings per year, members must attend at least 7. Meetings start at 6:00PM and E. Gaudet stressed the importance of being on time. S. Auletta, M. Bailey and A. Samet terms will expire 6/30 and must be updated.

Other:

- There will be a slow pitch softball tournament. Currently looking for teams. Proceeds will go to the charity of one's choice with a matching donation. Clinton Little League will run the concession with those profits benefiting the league.
- UR Community Cares program is proceeding with the help of Chief Demaio and Cathy Weiss. Program provides help (household, errands, etc.) for elder and disabled citizens.
- M. Bailey will continue Teen Yoga classes through the end of May.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48PM

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero