

BRANFORD HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

February 9, 2021

Board Members –

Present: Sarah Lockery, Bill Keane, Mary Grande, Lexie Klarman, Betty Haas, Jane Novick, John Mooney

Absent: Elizabeth Sattelberger

Others Present -

Executive Director: Peter Cimino

Social Services Coordinator: Mike Randi

Executive Supervisor: Jennifer Sylvia

The meeting was called to order at 8:07am.

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting were read and approved.
- II. **Communications:** No communications of significance were received.
- III. **Income (donations, fees, etc.):** Total income from revenue for the period of 07/01/2020 – 02/08/2021 was approximately \$390,000. Total donations for that same period equaled \$45,267.82.
- IV. **Statistics:** No updated statistics were presented.
- V. **Social Services/Basic Needs Account:** There has recently been an increased need seen for furnace repairs and replacements.
- VI. **Public Relations/Fundraising:** No public relations/fundraising matters were discussed.
- VII. **Director's Report:**
  - *Staff returning to office* – All full-time staff will be returning to working in the office on Tuesday, February 16. Most staff have received their first COVID vaccine, some have already received their second as well. Telehealth will continue for the foreseeable future.
  - *Police Accountability Bill* – Peter continues to work on a collaboration with the Town on having an Emergency Response Social Worker at Branford PD.
  - *Budget* – The process of developing the budget for FY 2021-2022 is underway.
  - *Health Initiative* – Peter continues to work on joint public health initiative in conjunction with the VNA, ESHD, Branford Community Foundation, Yale, and others.
- VIII. **Old Business:** No old business was presented.
- IX. **New Business:**
  - *COVID vaccines* – The Board unanimously approved a motion to have Peter speak with the First Selectman about utilizing the Town's automated calling system to inform residents on how they can obtain their vaccine.
- X. **Any other business that may properly come before the Board:** No other business was presented.

*Minutes submitted by Jennifer Sylvia.*

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The next meeting of the Branford Human Services Board will take place on Tuesday, March 9, at 8:00am via Zoom.

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