

BRANFORD HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

May 14, 2024

Board Members –

Present: Vincent Ragonese, Mary Perry, Lexie Klarman, Andy Marlatt, Sarah Lockery, John Mooney, Mary Grande

Absent: Elizabeth Sattelberger, James Integlia

Others Present -

Executive Director: Peter Cimino

Assistant/Clinical Director: Pamela Davies

Social Services Coordinator: Mike Randi

The meeting was called to order at 8:02am.

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from March 12, 2024 and April 9, 2024 meetings were read and approved.
- II. **Communications:** Received confirmation that the grant awarded by Department of Social Services is unable to be extended in to the next fiscal year. Due to these constraints, the Town has opted to not accept the grant.
- III. **Income (donations, fees, etc.):** Income, accounts receivable, and billable services for fiscal year to date were discussed with the Board. Social Services/Basic Needs accounts for fiscal year to date were discussed as well. Update also provided on YSB grant and ARPA funds.
- IV. **Clinical Services:** Statistics and demographics of clients as well as caseloads, admissions, and discharges for previous month.
 - Have another summer intern from SCSU starting.
 - Noted seeing an increase in child/adolescents seeking services for issues such as suicidal ideation, school avoidance, depression, anxiety, and more.
- V. **Social Services:** Updates were given on Social Services, Case Management, Police Social Worker, and Youth Services Bureau.
 - Will begin working on developing more formalized guidelines for community services.
- VI. **Public Relations/Fundraising:**
 - BCCS participated at two separate events for the Week of the Child – at the Shoreline YMCA and a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 20th.
 - 2nd Annual Charity Softball Game scheduled for May 18th, first pitch at 1pm.
 - Will be present at this year's Branford Festival.
- VII. **Director's Report:**
 - First strategic planning meeting for the agency was held. Reviewed the progress made since last meetings in 2018. Second meeting has been scheduled.
 - Budget process is still underway.
- VIII. **Old Business:** No old business was presented.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Sylvia.

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- IX. New Business:** No new business was presented.
- X. Any other business that may properly come before the Board:** August's Board meeting will be cancelled to accommodate summer vacation schedules.

The next meeting of the Branford Human Services Board will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 8:00am at Branford Counseling & Community Services, 342 Harbor Street, Branford, CT 06405.