

BRANFORD HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:08am.

Present: Peter Cimino, Betty Haas, Sarah Lockery, Maria Storm, Jane Novick, Lexie Klarman

Excused: Ed Mapp, Bill Keane, Elizabeth Sattelberger, John Mooney

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from September 10, 2019 meeting were read and approved.
- II. **Communications:** No communications of significance were received.
- III. **Income (donations, fees, etc.):** \$14,421 in donations have been received this fiscal year to date.
- IV. **Statistics:** In September, Social Services connected 13 people with Case Management for assistance with benefits, housing applications, hoarding situations, vocational services, and other types of assistance. Other individuals were also assisted with SNAP, redeterminations, SSA/SSD, SAGA, transportation, and Medicare benefits.
- V. **Social Services/Basic Needs Account:** Rental and utility assistance requests have increased noticeably. Since 7/1/2019, 9 utility shut offs were stopped and 16 rental payments have been made for people facing evictions.
- VI. **Director's Report:**
  - *Open House* – Open House has been scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 5:30pm – 7pm. Invites will be extended to elected officials as well as current candidates for office, department heads, and others who have supported BCC. The purpose is to educate people about the services offered by the agency. The new name and logo will also be unveiled at that time.
- VII. **Old Business:** No old business was presented.
- VIII. **New Business:** No new business was presented.
- IX. **Any other business that may properly come before the Board:** No other business was presented.

The next meeting of the Branford Human Services Board will take place on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 8:00am at Branford Counseling & Community Services, 342 Harbor Street, Branford, CT 06405.

*Minutes submitted by Jennifer Sylvia.*