

BRANFORD HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

November 10, 2020

Board Members –

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

Others Present -

Executive Director: Peter Cimino

Social Services Coordinator: Mike Randi

Other: Jennifer Sylvia, Executive Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am.

- I. Minutes:** Minutes from October 13, 2020 meeting were read and approved.
- II. Communications:** A donation of \$5,000 was received as a part of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Hartford.
- III. Income (donations, fees, etc.):** There has been a noticeable decrease in the amount of donations being made. This, combined with a prediction of increased need for rental assistance once the moratorium ends, is cause for concern.
- IV. Statistics:** Productivity for clinical services is at 51%. Revenue is at approximately 50% of the goal for the fiscal year and is expected to reach \$600,000. Waitlist is at approximately 30 with a wait time of 4-12 weeks for adults and 4-8 weeks for children.
- V. Social Services/Basic Needs Account:** The number of utilities paid, income/donation amounts, and number of rents paid were presented to the Board.
- VI. Public Relations/Fundraising:** Not discussed.
- VII. Director's Report:**
 - *Health Initiative* – Peter continues to work on joint public health initiative in conjunction with the VNA, ESHD, Branford Community Foundation, Yale, and others on flu shot clinics for the fall. Details to follow.
 - *Police Accountability Bill* – Peter continues to work on a collaboration with the Town on having a Social Worker at Branford PD. They would be Town employees and accompany law enforcement officers responding to appropriate community related issues.
 - *Holiday Programs* – The Secret Santa Program is underway. It has also been announced that the Client Holiday Dinner, due to COVID, has been cancelled, but that restaurant gift cards will be distributed in its place.
 - *COVID Grief Support Group* – Beginning 11/19, Love is Victorious (LIV) will meet on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Branford's Community House. Facilitated by Bill Keane, it will be a support group for those who lost loved ones during COVID-19.
- 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.
- *New Board Member* – Ron Washington has been nominated as the newest Board member and is awaiting official appointment.
- X. 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, December 8th, 2020 at 8:00am via Zoom.