

BRANFORD HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

November 14, 2023

Board Members –

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

Absent: Mary Perry, James Integlia

Others Present -

Executive Director: Peter Cimino

Assistant/Clinical Director: Pamela Davies

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

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from October 10, 2023 meetings were read and approved.
- II. **Communications:** Received \$10,000 from the Ben Callahan Foundation to support holiday programs at BCCS. Mary Grande reached out to First Selectman James Cosgrove regarding the Town and affordable housing needs.
- III. **Income (donations, fees, etc.):** Income, accounts receivable, and billable services for fiscal year 2022-2023 to date were discussed with the Board. Social Services/Basic Needs accounts for fiscal year 2022-2023 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 as well as FY2022-2023 to date.
- V. **Social Services:** Updates were given on Social Services, Case Management, Police Social Worker, and Youth Services Bureau. Calls for assistance with rent and utilities continue.
- VI. **Public Relations/Fundraising:**
 - Family Day was very successful – had a great turnout
 - Local Prevention Council had a “Vape Free in 2023” billboard design contest and will be having an award ceremony at Branford High School for the top 3 designs
- VII. **Director’s Report:** BCCS will be participating in talks with Branford Police and Fire Departments around the potential applications for the opioid settlement money received by the Town. The money is to be used for the prevention, treatment, education around opioid use.
- VIII. **Old Business:** No old business was presented.
- IX. **New Business:** No new business was presented.
- 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 12, 2023 at 8:00am at Branford Counseling & Community Services, 342 Harbor Street, Branford, CT 06405.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Sylvia.