

## MINUTES - DRAFT

### In attendance

#### Board Members:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair  
Larry Barlow Assistant Chair  
Joseph Strogoff  
Annastasia Martineau

#### Staff:

Patricia Schneider, Director of Human Services  
Katherine Bell, Youth Services Supervisor  
Sarah Dufresne, Early Childhood Services Coordinator  
Jessica Duers, Office Assistant

#### Absent:

Norma Posocco  
Laura Wright

### I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Ethel Mantzaris

### II. Introductions

### III. Approval of minutes: February 11, 2020

- Minutes approved 12:02 pm

### IV. Reports

#### Youth Services Report – Katherine Bell, Youth Services Supervisor

- Review of ongoing Youth Services programs.
- Review of upcoming Youth Services events including community trainings scheduled through opioid mini-grant funding including Hidden In Plain Sight, NARCAN/QPR, and National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.
- Review of the Connecticut Youth Services Association's free restorative justice trainings open to Youth Service Bureaus and their stakeholders and encouraged advisory board members to attend with April's conflicting advisory board meeting already being canceled from previous meeting.

## Human Services Report – Patricia Schneider, Human Services Director

- The Town Manager’s budget presentation is scheduled for March. The Human Services budget will be heard on April 1, 2020.
- Human Services shared information with Town Council regarding Transportation, Agency Grants, and Restorative Justice at February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.

### **V. Old Business**

- Reminder that April’s Youth Services Advisory Board is canceled.

### **VI. New Business**

- Discussed Town Council’s request to YSB to put forth focused efforts to develop a plan to present a diversion program that could also potentially be regionalized to best serve the Region 19 school district. Distributed paper copies of Juvenile Review Board (JRB) Procedures and Protocols available through the CT Youth Services Association as guidance and best practices for YSB’s looking to create diversion programs.
  - Ethel Mantzaris asked about alternative options for diversion. Pat Schneider discussed Glastonbury’s more robust diversion program that would entail further additional financial and staff resources to support than a JRB would require.
- Katie Bell shared information regarding anticipated changes to the Local Prevention Council grant for the upcoming year and discussion of impact on source of program funding and the need to create potentially different services to meet future grant requirements.
- The Peers Are Wonderful Supports (PAWS) conference schedule for next week has been canceled as a precautionary measure in response to public health concerns. YSB staff are still waiting to hear about the True Colors Conference and will continue to work with Town and School leaders and the Eastern Highlands Health District to ensure safety our youth and families.

### **VII. Other**

- The April 14, 2020 meeting is cancelled and the next meeting will be May 12, 2020.

### **VIII. Opportunity for Public Comment**

- None present

### **IX. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm

Next meeting: May 12, 2020 at 12 pm