

Town of East Haven, CT
East Haven Counseling & Community Services Commission
Minutes

The regular meeting of the East Haven Counseling & Community Services Commission was held on April 14, 2009 at 595 Thompson Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairwoman Eileen DeMayo.

Present: Commissioners Kenneth Sittnick, Cynthia Rojas, Eileen DeMayo; and Director Larry Doyle

Absent: Commissioner Julia Coppola.

Item #1 - Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made by C. Rojas to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting as received; seconded by K. Sittnick. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #2 - Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget and Mayor's Recommendations

Mr. Doyle reported that he met with the Board of Finance regarding the agency's budget for FY 2009-10 on March 11, 2009. He then met with the Town Council on April 17, 2009. The members of the Council asked a few questions. He stated clerking fees were increased due to the new Youth Services Commission and an increase in this Commission's clerking fee. The administration recommended \$40,000 for the temporary part time contractual account which includes the child psychiatrist. This is a decrease of \$4,000 from the line item. The Town Council was informed of the contractual agreement with the child psychiatrist which may result in a shortfall in this account. The administration has requested that all non-union employees take four furlough days and a zero increase in wages for

next fiscal year. Mr. Doyle is concerned about how this will effect his pension.

Item #3 - Recommendations by the Town of Upcoming Union Contracts

The administration is currently in negotiations with all of the town's unions to reach concessions in their contracts for the next fiscal year. There has also been the threat of lay offs beginning this Friday which would effect one employee at the agency. Mr. Doyle stated that the lay off of a clinician would be detrimental to the clients seen at the agency and that arrangements would have to be made if this does occur. Mr. Doyle will be in touch with the Commissioners if pink slips are issued. Also he would have to notify the State Department of Health if lay offs take place.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by C. Rojas to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by K. Sittnick. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Hackbarth