

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 March 10, 2009 at 595 Thompson Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairwoman Eileen DeMayo.

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

Item #1 - Approval of Minutes

It was noted that a correction needs to be made to the minutes of January 13, 2009. Under the item Teen Center, sight should written "site".

A MOTION was made by K. Sittnick to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting as amended; seconded by C. Rojas. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #2 - Election of Officers

A MOTION was made by K. Sittnick to elect E. DeMayo as Chairwoman and Julia Coppola as Vice Chairwoman; seconded by C. Rojas. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor 's secretary spoke to Mr. Doyle to inquire if he knew of anyone who would like to serve on the Commission. Mr. Doyle asked the Commissioners if they know of anyone who would be interested in serving and to please let him know.

Item #3 - Networking of Agency Computers.

The agency is leasing a new copier which has many features, i.e. fax, printing and networking capacity with computers. Mr. Doyle met with Steve Scalise from the purchasing department to discuss updating the agency's computers. This would allow us to network with other town departments. The agency would have its own secure server and clinicians would be able to utilize the system for medical record keeping within the guidelines of HIPPPA and licensing mandates.

Item #4 - Meeting with Board of Finance

Mr. Doyle reported that his meeting with the Board of Finance scheduled for March 2, 2009 was cancelled due to the snow storm. The meeting has been rescheduled for tomorrow evening, March 11, 2009.

Besides contractual obligations, he included a 3% increase in salary for himself and additional funds for the child psychiatrist. All other line items except for minor adjustments remain at the current funding level.

Mr. Doyle received a letter from the Mayor asking non-union employees to take a mandatory unpaid four day furlough between now and June 30th and to forgo any raises for the next fiscal year.

Item #5 - Update on the Teen Center

Mr. Doyle reported that the agency and the Youth Services Commission sponsored a very successful event for youth at the Senior Center. The event was a video game tournament and include refreshments and a DJ.

The administration is still considering the space adjacent to Home Goods as a possible site for the Teen Center. Mr. Doyle noted that this space could also be utilized for an after school program which he would like to see revived.

Other Discussion

The Youth Services Coordinator and the youth officer, Mike D'Amato, are investigating a grant , "Youth and Police" to fund creative ways for off duty police officers to be involved with youth.

Mr. Doyle informed the Commission that Domestic Violence Services will now be under the umbrella of the Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. but will retain its name. Birmingham Group is a CommuniCare organization along with Harbor Health Services and Bridges.

A MOTION was made by J. Coppola to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by K. Sittnick. Motion passed unanimously..

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Hackbarth