## Town of East Haven, CT East Haven Counseling & Community Services Commission Minutes December 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. 595 Thompson Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Matt Abbott

 <u>Roll Call. –</u> Chairman, Mr. Matt Abbott – Present, Ms. Marianne Cesare Present, Ms. Eileen DeMayo – Absent, Ms. Cynthia Rojas – Present and Ms. Sandra Enders – Present. Also present - Ms. Beth Trotta, LCSW – BH Care Director

### 2. <u>To consider and approve minutes from November 13, 2012 meeting.</u>

Chairman Mr. Matt Abbott makes a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Sandra Enders seconds – All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carries. One minor change on roll call from previous meeting, Ms. Eileen DeMayo was absent and Ms. Sandra Enders was present.

## 3. <u>Ms. Beth Trotta, Program Manager to update commission on current</u> <u>clinic situation.</u>

Ms. Beth Trotta states that she is pleased that the current wait list is down to 25 and no one on the wait list has been waiting any longer than September. On Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> all 32 people on the waiting list through August 31st were invited in for a group orientation to do the initial paperwork and make an intake appointment. There were only 3 people out of the 32 that attended. Another 2 called and we made separate arrangements for them to come back. All referrals prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> have been offered an appointment and have scheduled an in-take did not want services or were no longer an East Haven resident. The 25 people who are currently on the wait list called in September, October or November. 12 of the 25 currently on the wait list are scheduled for a

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group orientation on January 9, 2013. For November, calls requesting services / telephone in-take are at 20; Clients referred were 5; Clients with no response to call back are 12; new clients added to wait list are at 3. We have had 3 admissions and 3 discharges. Our total active caseload currently stands at 198 clients. We also had a client holiday party today and it was very successful everyone enjoyed themselves.

- 4. Commission Comments. None
- 5. Public Comment. None
- 6. <u>Discuss and approve any other matters that may come before the commission.</u>

Ms. Beth Trotta wanted to let everyone know that there have been some major cuts proposed from Gov. Malloy for the mental health care industry. An email was sent with a phone number that can be called in support of not cutting funds. If anyone would like to call there is a script attached. These cuts could possibly impact our services to the East Haven residents who need our services.

### 7. Adjournment.

Mr. Matt Abbott makes a motion to call the meeting to adjournment at 7:54 pm. Ms. Cynthia Rojas seconds. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carries.

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