Human Services Committee
March 11, 2010 Minutes

Attendance: K. Nankin, M. Sturges, M. Rose, T. Andrews, S. Chaudhry, V. Canale, E. Hines and M. Pickett
Staff: K. Schechter, S. Bourdon

Chairperson M. Sturges called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She determined that there was a quorum. The Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed new members Edward Hines and Martha Pickett.

Approval of Minutes: V. Canale made a motion to approve the minutes, T. Andrews seconded – passed unanimously.

Correspondence: S. Nichols and A. Harrigan both sent emails stating that they are no longer on the committee. K. Nankin stated that she has also resigned but will remain as an ad hoc member through Alcohol Awareness Week. M. Rose mentioned that she received a call stating she has also been replaced but will be staying on through Alcohol Awareness Week as an ad hoc member.

SPF SIG Report: S. Bourdon reported that fifteen people including two members from the committee attended the Taylor Hooton Foundation Presentation on March 4th. She mentioned a workshop being held on March 23rd regarding teen abuse of Prescription and Over the Counter medications. All committee members have been invited to participate. S. Bourdon also mentioned that the youth project is still on target for its premiere during Alcohol Awareness Week. M. Sturges shared that she learned a lot from the Taylor Hooton Foundation presentation.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported that 56 food vouchers were given out in February – the Department now receives 60 per month. Overall there were 44 referrals in February and each case is getting more complex than previous months. Family violence cases were down last month – only six. She has received some senior referrals but she then refers them to the Social Worker at the Senior Center. Energy assistance ends March 15th. M. Rose asked how the food pantry has been going. K. Schechter reported that she is referring families and they are getting serviced. They make appointments and work with the same volunteer from the moment they call in to their appointment. Families are also allowed to shop for themselves.

Old Business:
Alcohol Awareness Week Sub Committee: K. Nankin reported that the next sub committee meeting is March 16th to pick the winners of the logo and slogan contest. S. Nichols will put the ads in the paper again like last year.
The Business Expo is April 10th. Following is the schedule of volunteers and times:
9 – 11: Shazia and Kathy
11-1: Tracy
12 – 2:30 – Vicky and Martha
Nominating Committee: K. Nankin reported for J. Vitarelli, chair. Sub committee needs one more volunteer. V. Canale volunteered to be on it. There are two vacancies – Chair and Vice Chair. C. Cullinan will remain as Secretary.

S. Chaudhry made a motion to adjourn, M. Rose seconded at 8:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Bogdanski Bourdon
Recording Secretary