Human Services Committee  
April 8, 2010 Minutes

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

Chairperson M. Sturges called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She determined that there was a quorum. The Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed new member Melissa Calabrese.

**Approval of Minutes:** T. Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes, E. Hines seconded – passed unanimously. It was noted and the minutes amended to reflect that M. Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting last month when, in fact, it was V. Canale.

**Correspondence:** None

**SPF SIG Report:** S. Bourdon reported that the Teen Influencer Training on Prescription Drug Abuse was held on March 23rd. She asked members who were able to attend to share their thoughts. There was a short discussion regarding prescription drug abuse amongst youth in general and in Cheshire. S. Bourdon also reported that she has been working with the Youth from the Youth Services Committee to complete the Movie Just For You – the Jimmy Harper Story in time for the Premiere on April 15th.

**Social Services Report:** K. Schechter reported that last month 62 food vouchers were give out and there were 10 family violence cases reported. There were 33 referrals to Crisis Intervention

**Old Business - Alcohol Awareness Week:**  
K. Nankin reported that there were 45 logo and slogan submissions from the Dodd Contest this year and she shared the winners with the committee. Those that won received a $50 gift certificate to the Meriden mall. She also shared with the new members of the committee that how and where the bags are distributed. The committee will have a booth at the Business Expo on Saturday. S. Bourdon will resend the list of volunteers to the committee.

**Nominating Committee:** V. Canale reported for J. Vitarelli who could not attend tonight’s meeting that a slate of officers was in place with the exception for Vice Chair. She made a motion to present the following slate of officers: M. Sturges - Chair, no nominee for Vice – Chair, C. Cullinan – Secretary. V. Canale then asked for any nominations from the floor - Both E. Hines and M. Calabrese volunteered to be Vice Chair. M. Sturges made a motion to close nominations, M. Pickett seconded – passed unanimously. E. Hines was voted by committee members as Vice Chair.
**Miscellaneous:** There was a lengthy discussion about the mission and goals of the committee. Currently, focus areas have included Alcohol Awareness Week and Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well as other issues addressed as the need arises. New members were encouraged to bring their expertise to the table for the committee to learn about and advocate for. The committee is in a time of transition and will need to take time to get to know each other and their interests.

E. Hines made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. M. Calabrese seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Bogdanski Bourdon  
Recording Secretary