Human Services Committee
May 13, 2010 Minutes

Attendance: M. Sturges, S. Chaudhry, V. Canale, E. Hines, M. Pickett, J. Vitarelli, C. Cullinan
Staff: K. Schechter, S. Bourdon
Guests: K. Nankin

Chairperson M. Sturges called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She determined there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: J. Vitarelli made a motion to approve the April 8th minutes, S. Chaudhry seconded – passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Committee members were invited to a Senior Strategy Session on June 2, 2010 sponsored by the Connecticut Community Foundation. Some members plan on attending. V. Canale reported that correspondence was received through Cheshirecares.org about babysitting services – she forwarded it to Michelle Piccerillo.

SPF – SIG Report: S. Bourdon reported that about 100 people attended the Movie Premiere. She thanked the members who were able to attend. There has been interest in showing the movie elsewhere. The last event will be a workshop for middle school parents presented by Chris Brown on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7 pm at Town Hall.

Social Services Report: The renter’s rebate program will begin accepting applications on May 17th. Sixty food vouchers were issued in May. There were 45 crisis intervention referrals, 11 were family violence cases. Nadine Toce, the social work intern finished last week. Other interns with the Department are also finishing – those from Southern will be replaced with new interns.

Old Business: Alcohol Awareness Week: K. Nankin reported that the committee had its wrap up meeting prior to this meeting and they were please with the events of the week. Over two dozen merchants participated, posters were in the library and the middle school, and the movie premiere was well attended. If this continues next year, a committee member should coordinate having the cards at the florists’ again during prom time. She thanked the subcommittee for all its hard work.

New Business: E. Hines mentioned his interest in getting the committee educated and involved in the senior tax credits issue. The committee had a short discussion about the issue and E. Hines offered to provide information to the committee in the fall.

Miscellaneous: M. Sturges asked members to think about and come to the next meeting with ideas and focus areas for the committee next year.

S. Chaudhry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, J. Vitarelli seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Bogdanski-Bourdon