



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Youth & Social Services Board

Meeting Minutes - Final

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mikayla Bozym

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

5:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

Remote Meeting Information

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bozym called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Community-at-Large Representative Maria Nott
Community-at-Large Representative Charlene Rand
Chairman Mikayla E. Bozym
Police Department Representative Dan Grimm
Under Age 21 Representative Mackenzie Hope
School System Representative Heather Shipley

Excused Private Youth Agency Representative Lisa Smith

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS (Limited to (3) minutes)

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Chapman stated that Board members are welcome to recommend speakers related to topics of concern to the Youth & Social Services Board.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. REPORTS

1. Youth Services Report March 2023

Report for Ledyard Youth Services
March 14, 2023

JRB (Juvenile Review Board):

February: 2 intakes
March : 4 reviews for JRB,
Currently 5 open cases

Truancy:

No cases. Conversation at the High School and Middle Schools regarding setting up an active Truancy Board

Counseling:

Case Load Summary

Kate- 18
Glenn-11
Natalie- 12
Lena- 13
LPC-13 families

Total families: 67 active cases

Intakes to be scheduled: 5 families.

Groups:

1. GFS/JWL Kindergarten Lunch Bunch - 2 weeks left.
2. Met with GHS and planning to set up 2-3 groups.

New Interns:

URI has assigned 3 interns to LYS for 2023-2024 school year.

Other:

New Data System- working with DCF and Dilliger RAD to implement a new data monitoring system that is compatible with DCF grant reporting.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

2. Social Services Report January/February 2023

Report for Ledyard Social Services
January/February 2023

Food Pantry Statistics

January 2023
Total Client Visits - 78
Total # of Eligible Clients Served - 120
Unduplicated Households Served - 55

February 2023
Total Client Visits - 79

Total # of Eligible Clients Served - 128
Unduplicated Households Served - 58

Total New Clients January - 0
Total New Clients February - 2
Total New Clients 2023 YTD - 2

Referrals - January/February 2023

CT State Department of Social Services (Norwich Office) - 3
LICEAF - 4
TVCCA Energy Assistance - 1
211 - 1

Social Services Account Balances

Linda C. Davis Food Pantry - 106,357.04
LYS Enrichment Grant - Parks & Rec Scholarships - \$1657.32
LYS Enrichment Grant - Parks & Recreation Scholarships ARPA - \$7912.50
Miscellaneous Assistance - (\$1204.92)

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the Youth & Social Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2023

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Dan Grimm

SECONDER: Heather Shipley

AYE 6 Nott Rand Bozym Grimm Hope Shipley

EXCUSED 1 Smith

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Any Old Business proper to come before the Board

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. CEAP (Connecticut Energy Assistance Program) Update

Ms. Chapman stated that the deadline for fuel deliveries was extended through March 31st. Applications for assistance are still open at this time and Ms. Chapman is available to assist residents with applying. Applications that are accepted after March 31, 2023 may be able to receive a credit to their utility account.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Scholarships

Ms. Chapman stated that applications for summer camp scholarships will begin on the same day that Parks & Recreation begins accepting registrations in early spring. Ms. Chapman will send an email blast to the current Ledyard Social Services Client list announcing the acceptance of applications. Funding is limited and applications are processed in the order received. The fundraising campaign for scholarships will launch on Monday, April 3rd. Ms. Chapman stated that last year 20 scholarships totaling \$9,556.25 were awarded. Ms. Chapman asked for any other fundraising ideas for the scholarships program in addition to grants and community donations. Mr. Grimm suggested contacting the Fire and Police Unions.

Mr. Grimm inquired about the cost of summer camp. Ms. Chapman stated the cost is \$125 per child per week. Ms. Shipley stated that the price is a good deal. Mr. Grimm stated that when his children attended camp in Groton for the cost for the entire summer was \$250. Ms. Chapman stated that towns vary in funding for these programs. The Board also discussed the hours of the program and the difficulty for working parents as camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ms. Chapman stated that residents with concerns regarding the cost or hours of the program should attend the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Ms. Chapman stated that the summer camp program falls under the purview of Parks & Recreation Department and it is Ms. Chapman's understanding that any limitations in hours are funding related. Chairman Bozym clarified that anyone with concerns about the program or program hours contact Parks & Recreation. Chairman Bozym reiterated that Social Services provides scholarships for those in need of funding assistance. Ms. Bozym stated that it is helpful to know where to direct people with questions.

RESULT: CONTINUE

Any New Business proper to come before the Board

Ms. Chapman shared that the Town of Ledyard has a new Veterans Representative. Dave Nelson is available to assist veterans and active duty service members with service related issues. Residents seeking to make an appointment with Mr. Nelson should contact Kristen Chapman at 860-464-3222. Chairman Bozym suggested that Mr. Nelson would be a good option for the first Presentation. Ms. Chapman will reach out to Mr. Nelson regarding his availability to present.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Grimm moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Rand

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman Bozym
Youth & Social Services Board

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