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MINUTES – STAFFORD FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING JUNE 2, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Steven Moccio, Jennifer Halstrom, Rachel Ayn Konick, Brian Bradway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew “Osmar” Starkey, Officer Taylor, Judith Mordasky, Jen Ohlendorf, Ella Ohlendorf (student representative), Sal Titus (ex-officio)

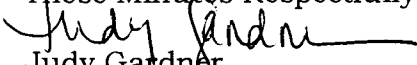
STAFF: Judy Gardner

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. Introductions were made.
- II. The Minutes from the March 3, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved (Mocchio motion, Halstrom second).
- III. Ms. Gardner distributed the 11 month report on clients served, income and expenditures. There have been 125 new cases opened this year. The agency is once again closed to new clients as no slots are available. A just graduated intern was hired and there will be 3 interns at a minimum for September. Current income from all sources is \$156,779 and this is an improvement from the previous 2 years with COVID. While the agency has not had to close we continue to have clients and occasionally staff that test positive. The DMHAS and DCF grants should be fully expended this year. Ms. Gardner reported that there was an increase in funding for Youth Service Bureaus in this year’s State budget and expects that the extra funding will be used in conjunction with the Somers and Ellington YSBs to fund a part-time case manager to work with youth referred to the Juvenile Review Board for jail diversion.
- IV. The First Selectman was not in attendance so there was no report.
- V. There were no critical incidents or client grievances to review.
- VI. The current Strategic Plan was distributed. Ms. Halstrom recommended changing the term illegal as it relates to substance use

as marijuana is now legal and so is alcohol but abuse of these substances continues to be an issue. Documenting the number of overdoses, relapses and re-admissions for the substance abusing population was recommended as a better way to track program effectiveness. Board members asked about the status of SCADA (the Stafford Coalition Against Drug Abuse) and the data the Board used to receive from Lt. Duncan. Ms. Gardner was directed by the Board to contact the First Selectman and request updated information and someone to present Town data at the September 1, 2022 Board meeting. Ms. Gardner will draft a new Strategic Plan for review at the September meeting that better describes agency goals and objectives.

- VII. There was no update available on SCADA. Ms. Halstrom asked what SCADA did and Mr. Mocchio and Ms. Gardner responded about the grantwriting activities, sharing of information, the billboards with Loki, educational activities in the schools and gathering of agencies that are all directly involved in working with people with substance use, including the hospital, ambulance and major town employers.
- VIII. The survey results that Ella Ohlendorf produced were distributed. Mr. Mocchio expected that there would be a higher number of responses and will follow up with her regarding how the survey was conducted. He noted that students involved in sports or other school club activities get out too late for the late bus and that this is common among school districts. The Board will look at the survey results in September when Miss Ohlendorf can present them.
- IX. The next meeting is Thursday, September 1, 2022. The Board stated that a reminder email the week of the meeting would be helpful.
- X. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. (Mocchio motion, Halstrom second).

These Minutes Respectfully Submitted,


Judy Gardner