

BRANFORD HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

March 8, 2022

Board Members –

Present: Sarah Lockery, Betty Haas, Mary Grande, John Mooney, Lexie Klarman,
Elizabeth Sattelberger, Vincent Ragonese

Absent: Mary Perry

Others Present -

Executive Director: Peter Cimino

Assistant/Clinical Director: Pamela Davies

Social Services Coordinator: Mike Randi

Executive Supervisor: Jennifer Sylvia

Guest Speaker –

Police Social Worker: Danielle Suraci, LCSW

The meeting was called to order at 8:07am.

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from February 8, 2022 meeting were read and approved.
- II. **Communications:** BCCS was notified that we have been chosen for Stop & Shop's Bloomin' 4 Good Program for the month of March 2022.
- III. **Income (donations, fees, etc.):** Income, accounts receivable, and billable services for fiscal year 2021-2022 to date were discussed with the Board.
- IV. **Clinical Services:** Statistics and demographics of current clients as well as caseloads, admissions, and discharges were presented to the Board. Discussed the noticeable increase in demand and approaching capacity for kid's cases as well as new medication evaluations.
- V. **Social Services/Basic Needs Account:** Social Services/Basic Needs accounts for fiscal year 2021-2022 to date were discussed with the Board. Donations received have increased by 90% since FY2020-2021 after having been down by 25% between FY2019-2020 and FY2020-2021. For FY2021-2022 to date, there have been 45 nights of emergency housing provided under the Uniform Relocation Act.
- VI. **Public Relations/Fundraising:** Meetings of subcommittee to resume soon.
- VII. **Director's Report:**
 - *Budget* – Board of Finance budget hearing scheduled for Monday, March 14.
 - *Connecticut General Assembly's Judiciary Committee* – There is a bill being presented to the Judiciary Committee that would allow clinical social workers or APRN's that are a part of any collaborative program or partnership established between a law enforcement unit and a behavioral health and social service agency.
- VIII. **Old Business:** No old business was presented.
- IX. **New Business:** Guest speaker Danielle Suraci, LCSW, who is the Town of Branford's Police Social Worker, spoke to the Board about her role.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Sylvia.

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- X. Any other business that may properly come before the Board:** The Board has requested that case managers Hollye Lane and Jeff Kikosicki be invited to speak at April's Board meeting.

The next meeting of the Branford Human Services Board will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 8:00am at Branford Counseling & Community Services, 342 Harbor Street, Branford, CT 06405.