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HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 22, 2016

Commissioners Present: Karen Roy-Guglielmi, Bill Campbell, Michael Tormey
Commissioners Absent: Charita Alston, James Purnell, Teri Rogers, Michael Winkler
Staff Liaisons Present: Michelle Hill, Christi McFatter

Approval of Minutes: Special meetings of 12/21/15 and 1/9/16 were approved

Communications and Correspondence: Email from Connecticut Legal Services providing additional information regarding their grant application

Human Services: Pieter Nijssen, Executive Director of Tri Town Shelter, presented to the commission regarding his agency's loss of state funding. There had been confusion as to their loss of state funding. According to Pieter it had been incorrectly reported that the shelter was not eligible for the funding since they chose not to admit active substance users. Instead, the shelter was not awarded the state grant and were not informed as to the reasons. They have continued to operate as they look for additional funding. Pieter stated they have not yet secured an arrangement that would stabilize the shelter but that they are still open and researching all options.
Judy Clarke, Executive Director of Kidsafe, spoke to the commissioners to update them on funding changes within her agency. She spoke about the struggles they've had to maintain services with decreasing funding. They had successfully partnered with The Village for Families and Children on multiple joint ventures before approaching them about becoming their subsidiary. She stated nothing has been finalized but they are hopeful the transition will go smoothly.
Submitted by Christi McFatter,

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