

**CITY OF NORWALK
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - MAY 27, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Nicol Ayers, Chair; Brian Bailey; Jesse Buccolo; Jan Degenshein; Broderick I. Sawyer; Anne Wennerstrand

STAFF: Julienne Foy, Chief of Community Services; Keenan McMahon, Human Services Director; David Walenczyk, Youth Services Program Director

OTHERS: Chrissy Mahanna, Compass Consulting & Coaching, LLC; Ligia Masilamani, Family & Children's Agency, Inc.; Michele Conderino, Executive Director, Open Door Shelter (dba Open Doors)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ayers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Chair Ayers acknowledged those present as above noted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received. Public participation was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 22, 2026

**** MR. DEGENSHEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Update from Human Services Director, Keenan McMahon on the 2026 Community Impact Mini-Grant Program (informational only, no Council action required).

ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary with Compass Consulting & Coaching, LLC led by Chrissy Mahanna, LCSW to coordinate and implement Cohort #2 of the Nonprofit Capacity Accelerator Program in the amount of \$30,000. Account #012010-5A0620.

**** CHAIR AYERS CALLED FOR VOTE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary with The Open Door Shelter (dba Open Doors) located at 4 Merritt Street, Norwalk, CT 06854 in the amount of \$92,000 to provide shelter services for persons experiencing homelessness for Norwalk residents beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Account #012010-5A0620.

(Councilperson Buccolo recused himself from the item.)

**** CHAIR AYERS CALLED FOR VOTE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (COUNCILPERSON BUCCOLO RECUSAL AS NOTED).**

C. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute any and all necessary agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments with Family & Children's Agency, Inc. for the second year of the Multisystem TAG Program for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$100,000 from the Community Services Department, Account #012010-5A0620.

**** CHAIR AYERS CALLED FOR VOTE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute any and all necessary agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments to accept grant funds from DCF/CYSA in the amount of \$35,000** to support the Norwalk Youth Diversion Team (YDT), formerly known as the Juvenile Review Board (JRB). These funds will be used by the YDT to subcontract for specialized mentoring subcontracted with Daniels Youth Leadership Company in the same amount. **Actual funds received are based on a formula and finalized funds determined by the State of CT. Flat funding of \$35,000 is expected. No match by the City is required for these funds.**

**** CHAIR AYERS CALLED FOR VOTE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

****MR. SAWYER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Baldwin

Recording Secretary