Attendees:

Dani Gorman (Director), Jody Nazarchyk (Chairperson), Ellen Bellos (Vice-Chairperson), Kerry Sullivan, Dottie Concascia, Michael Cristofaro, Shelia Cash, Steve Whitehead, Lisa Sachatello, and Meaghan Lineburgh

Absent:

Dan Steward, Brett Mahoney, Alison Moger, Quinn Ryan, Emma Brown, Ryan McNamara, Michael Buscetto, Chris Gigliotti and Ron Fedor

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jody Nazarchyk called the meeting to order at 5:30 and a quorum was established.

Public Input:

A thank you letter from the BP Learner Mission was sent around for toys that had been donated over the Holiday season.

Motion #1:

K. Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15th 2018. S. Whitehead seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Program Report:

D. Gorman reported that for the holiday season 170 applied for assistance and many were adopted out to donor families and reported that Youth Services also helped families in neighboring towns who were looking for
assistance. D. Gorman passed around a donations list that listed monetary donations that were given to Youth Services during the holiday season. D. Gorman reported that winter programs registrations had begun and were filling up. Camp DASH will be moving the Clark Lane Middle School this summer to accommodate its going size and to be a central location for families in Waterford. Planning for camp has begun and stated that C. Gigliotti, K. Sullivan, and M. Lineburgh will be touring Clark Lane in the coming months to see spaces. D. Gorman also brought up Youth Services Bureau scholarship considerations and for members to possibly think on a Waterford Senior/ Seniors who are might be considered.

**Directors Report:**

D. Gorman informed committee that a new purchasing agent had been hired for the of Waterford. The local prevention grant has been received and state grants are coming in. D. Gorman stated she met with Jimmy Dimmock for training officers on how to handle calls that involve residents with autism behavior. Money for this program was given by the Kelsey Harrington Foundation, and D. Gorman and J. Dimmock were working on having all Sergeants would be trained with this program. D. Gorman reported that Red Cross will be leaving in March exact date is unknown. The H-Vac system is on schedule to be renovated and with the Red Cross leaving it is hopeful that the food locker will also move over to Youth Services. D. Gorman also reported that clinical referrals have gone up. Finally D. Gorman stated that the Truancy Board was being launched and the first meeting of the board would be held on January 24, 2018.

**Financial Report:**

D. Gorman reported that it is budget season and Youth Services budget has been submitted with a 3.7% increase, D. Gorman is hoping that in the future a new position for the department can be added as Youth Services is assisting not only children and families but also residents up to the age of 64 years old. K. Sullivan suggested putting in the budget the new position and to see what happens, J. Nazarchyk seconded that mentioning that the department is growing and a new position is needed.
WADE Coalition Report:

D. Gorman reported that planning for Dancing with the Stars had begun and recruiting for teams was taking place. The performance would be held on March 23, 2018 at Waterford High School. D. Gorman stated she would like to bring in a speaker to Waterford High School in May to talk to the students, Tim Wakefield, former Boston Red Sox pitcher. D. Gorman mentioned T. Wakefield works a lot with veterans groups and children’s group and had made a powerful impression on who he speaks with. T. Wakefield would require a car service and would speak with student body and then meet with a smaller group of students. D. Gorman asked the committee how they would pick which students got selected for the smaller group. E. Bellos asked what T. Wakefield’s message was, D. Gorman stated we dictated the message and he likes for the students to ask questions and build on the discussion from that. L. Sachatello offered another name, Calvin Turrell, as another suggestion for a speaker. D. Gorman said an email would be sent out to the committee when a decision on the speaker was made.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

D. Gorman stated there was a vacancy on the board and was interested in Norm Glidden joining the board. J. Nazarchyk advocated that N. Glidden would be a good addition with K. Sullivan, S. Cash and D. Concasia agreeing. D. Gorman informed the committee that the price of Camp DASH by 15% mostly due to the rise in minimum wage.

Motion #2:

K. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. S. Cash seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted
Note: These minutes are scheduled for approval at the next Youth Services Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting.