

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD MINUTES

April 10, 2013, 6 PM., MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Present: Chair Susanne Wagner, Karen Durham, Carl Templin, Dianne Wainwright, Susan Morgans, staff liaison. **Absent:** Nancy Carroll

Call to order: Susanne Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Consideration of the March 2013 Minutes: February minutes were approved with three corrections.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments

Topic of the Month: Lily Brindle, an outreach specialist for Gateway Rehab discussed her agency's history, mission and programs with the board and answered questions.

Gateway's main facility is in Centre Township, but it has satellite facilities that serve Mt. Lebanon residents in Green Tree and McMurray. Gateway provides treatment for both adults and youths who are struggling with addition to drugs or alcohol. They offer both in-patient and outpatient rehab programs. Outpatients may enroll in day or evening programs. They offer 24/7 detox admission, individual, group and family therapy and provide follow-up rehabilitation services through "halfway" houses. Their services are covered by most insurance.

Election of Officers: Susanne Wagner was unanimously elected chair for another year. Carl Templin will serve as vice chair with the understanding that is it unlikely his schedule will allow him to assume the presidency the following year.

Chair's Report: Susanne Wagner noted that Mt. Lebanon Village needs volunteers and has hired a part-time transportation coordinator. We will let Commissioner Brumfield know that we need to have the board vacancies filled and would be glad to promote the vacancies if that is the commission's desire.

Staff Liaison Report: Susan Morgans reported on the drug awareness initiative that Commissioner Kelly Fraasch and School Director Jo Posti have launched. She will get Susanne Wagner a list of people who attended the organizational meeting.

Continuing Business: Next month the board will discuss the scope of the forum.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.

