

Holliston Youth Advisory Council

Present: Bob Naughton (Chair), Margaret Fitzpatrick, , Holly Fischer-Engel, Frankie Servidio, Ellen Gallivan, Darlene Vittori-Marsell, Gretchen Hazen-Powers, Peggy Payne, Karl Cousseillant, Lynne Rahim.

Absent: None

Opening Remarks:

Gretchen made a motion to open which was seconded by Lynne. Having a motion and a second, Council members unanimously agreed to open this meeting.

Ellen made a motion to accept the January minutes which was seconded by Holly.

Director's Report:

1. Margaret reports that things are busy and keep getting busier.
2. Margaret continues in her new supervisory role with HDAAC in administering the Metrowest Community Health Care grant. She is working to figure out how to integrate stakeholders into the HDAAC meetings and as the grant rolls out, she continues to work toward better understanding her role.
3. Margaret attended the Chris Herren event regarding addiction and recovery on 2/1 and reports that it was well attended and captivating. People in recovery who shared at the event added to the impact.
4. Margaret met with Selectmen to present her FY17 budget this month. There was a 1.5% increase to the budget this year and as the guideline was met, the budget was approved. She also met with FinCom this month to present the budget. They inquired about current staffing levels vs. need. Margaret told them that if they had more staff, they could serve more residents. She will research the cost of adding a full time/part time clinician and give that information to FinCom.

New Business:

1. Gretchen stated that the schools are also asking for another position ó one for a social-emotional adjustment counselor at the elementary level. The elementary guidance counselors are spread very thin at this time. A discussion took place amongst the group about school needs and community needs for this type of service.

2. Karl will be looking for replacements for him and Frankie as they are graduating in June. The replacements will need to be sophomores as the term is two years.

7. Karl and Frankie reported that the stress survey conducted during DSB was successful and results are in. They are enjoying homework free vacations but some students are reporting that some teachers are trying to get around this policy. They felt that the Herren presentation was unrelatable but appreciated that he got you to ask yourself why you may be using drugs. They also felt that the Distracted Driving presentation to the high schoolers in January was nothing that they had not heard before.

Closing Remarks: Darlene motioned to adjourn the meeting and Holly seconded.

Next Meeting: The next YFS board meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the YFS office, 1750 Washington Street.

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynne Rahim