

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, Lynne Rahim.

Absent: Karl Cousseillant

Opening Remarks:

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

Darlene made a motion to accept the November minutes which was seconded by Gretchen.

Director's Report:

1. Referrals are picking up after the holidays. High School groups ended before the holidays and Margaret and Chrissy are discussing new group ideas, i.e. angry boys, anxiety, social pragmatics. Also looking at possibly opening the groups to Saturday school kids with the idea that they could attend a group to reduce their Saturday hours. New groups will probably start end of January.
2. There is an initiative headed by UMASS to encourage information sharing within municipalities (re: i.e. drug and mental health issues, trends). YFS is starting to collect data to share. Holliston Police, Fire, Schools, YFS and the Health Department have met to look at the information that each department has. Meetings will be periodic to review data and how best to use it to help Holliston residents.
3. Funded by a grant, there is a mental health professional, shared by 4-5 towns, that rides with police when there is a mental health issue in question. YFS would like to collaborate with this practitioner to be able to follow up with residents in need and Margaret is also hoping that this person will be able to attend HDAAC meetings.
4. Margaret met today with the Metrowest Community Health Care Foundation to discuss specifics of the opioid grant that has been awarded. Margaret and Gina Stucchi (HDAAC) will be meeting to get started. Margaret's role is supervisory here, keeping HDAAC on track, overseeing the financial piece and helping to find stakeholders.

New Business:

1.None

Closing Remarks: Ellen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Gretchen seconded.

Next Meeting: The next YFS board meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the YFS office, 1750 Washington Street.

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynne Rahim