

HOLLISTON YOUTH & FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

Monday November 26, 2018

7:00 pm

1750 Washington Street, Holliston, MA

In Attendance: Chair, Darlene Vittori-Marsell, Lynne Rahim, Jean Vazza, Kathy Cummins, Andrew Frimpong, John Drohan, Jen Liebermann and Director Jackie Winer

Absent: Holly Fisher -Engel, Peggy Payne.

\Meeting opened by Lynne Rahim and second by Kathy Cummins.

Minutes from October meeting approved by John Drohan and second by Jen Liebermann,

General Business:

1. _Welcome new board member Jean Vazza Jean was sworn in this week and is happy to join the board with years of experience in school health programing and mental health.
2. Directorø Report/ data report, Reviewed data report and list of events by dates as presented by Jackie. Many meetings and networking happening as well as many hours of clinical care.
Joanna intern doing excellent and is well supervised. Student interns from high school getting to attend some workshops and speaker presentations as well as helping Jackie with open house and getting the word out about YFS. Depression screening happened in schools did not result in any specific referrals but YFS remains a support and resource for guidance and students. Continues to be in talks with school about best use of YFS with grant money school would like to give to YFS. Money must be spent by June so will continue to see how best YFS can help with this project.

Discussed at length role of YFS with HDAAC and what expectations of YFS role is at this time. The board would like to invite a representative member of HDAAC to attend YFS meetings to establish a plan for how best YFS and this board can help HDAAC get organized and manage program. YFS and board would like to help and support HDAAC with the goal for HDAAC to be free standing but supported by YFS.

New Business:

1. Discuss open house: 19 people in attendance, well organized. Meeting occurred in a circle promoting excellent sharing environment. Many community members, parents and student interns present as well as some of the board members. Good networking opportunity and raised awareness of program and its current goals.
2. Updates with ethics certification due: John presented his ethics certificate. Kathy will get a copy of hers from her work. Jen and Andrew agree to get this done by next meeting. Jean agrees as well to submit asap.
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3. Update on Community fund: John Drohan updates the board with plan to start a youth driven fundraising project which he plans to launch in January by holding a meeting with any and all youth interested in this project in Holliston. This plan would allow students of middle and high school ages to work together for a common goal. Ultimate goal will be to help with Holliston substance abuse initiative.
Still working with Friends of Youth and Family Services to determine best way to manage this money which may be turned over to CAF for uses within Youth and Family Services. Treasure for Friends is also Treasurer on CAF board.

4. Updates from student advisory board members: No updates from Brendan and Ainsley.
5. Any other updates or information: Jackie updated the board that the new therapist hired in September was not a good fit and not working out. She has had several meetings with her stating issues and meeting expectations. Her probation period will be over in December and Jackie has been discussing with Jeff Ritter and town how best to handle this situation. There is a scheduled meeting for a performance review and plan moving forward on Wednesday. Jackie will try to reschedule for Thursday when Darlene may also attend to be support and witness to meeting and plan moving forward.

Next Meeting: Monday December 10, 2018

Meeting was then closed by Jen Liebermann and second by John Drohan.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Darlene Vittori-Marsell
Chairman YFS Advisory Council