

HOLLISTON YOUTH & FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

7:00 pm - Monday October 21, 2019 /1750 Washington Street, Holliston, MA

Advisory Council Members Present: Darlene Vittori-Marsell, Kathy Cumming, Lynne Rahim, Jen Lieberman, Peggy Payne, John Drohan, Ainsley Maclachlan, Brendan Haddad, Jean Vazza. Melissa Stacy

Absent: John Drohan, Holly Fisher Engel, Deb Coppins

YFS Staff in Attendance: Jackie Winer, Kirsten Rancourt

Other Attendees: Yvette Cain (Holliston Reporter) , Alison Quinan

-Motion to open the meeting: Jean Vazza.

Second: Lynne Rahim

-Motion to accept the May 2019 Minutes Jen Lieberman

Second: Kathy Cumming

Motion to accept the September 2019 Minutes: Jen Lieberman

Second: Kathy Cumming

General Business:

1. Welcome to any newcomers: Alison Quinan is considering filling an open board seat.
2. HDAAC representative updates: Melissa shared working on rebranding HDAAC. Coalition meets monthly. They've established new bylaws. Mission of reducing the stigma around addiction. Coming up on co-sponsoring an event: Spreading Hope and Building Resiliency. Natick Opioid Art Project-Changing Perceptions through Art and Story Telling. Wednesday, December 4 from 6-8pm. Holliston Public Library.
3. Director's Report/ data report/ hiring

Participated in the Hidden in Plain Sight event. Starting on November 8th HYFS is working on creating more social opportunities for youth in Holliston. First social spot event is for tweens aged 10-12. Asking for a suggested donation of \$10.

September activity:

Total of 224 hours of individual counseling were provided to 28 different clients.

Referrals: 71% self-referral/18% school referral.

New Business:

1. Update on Community fund: Working on a Spring Fundraiser. Two grants were processed to YFS.
2. Updates from student advisory board members. Shared that what they are hearing at school from students indicates that most students feel a later start time would not benefit them.
3. Any other updates or information: Still trying to identify a new chairperson for 20/21.

Upcoming dates:

HDAAC November Meeting: November 12, 6:30pm at the HYFS office.

Wellness Council Meeting: November 4th: 7-8:30pm

The Social Spot, Friday, November 8th, 5-8pm.

HDAAC Opioid Project Opening Night: Wednesday, December 4th at 6pm, Holliston Public Library

-Motion to adjourn: Lynne Rahim

Second: Jenn Lieberman

Next Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2018

Respectfully Submitted By:

Peggy Payne

Secretary YFS Advisory Council