

Holliston Youth Advisory Council

Present: Jen Liebermann (Chair), Lynne Rahim, Kathy Cumming, Peggy Payne, John Drohan, Matt Putvinski, Kate Cunningham, Alison Quinan, Kristen Haddad, Will Sullivan , Jackie Winer (Director), Brian Sahagian, Stephanie Farrell (Students).

Absent: Kirsten Rancourt , Carrie Buddington.

Opening Remarks:

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

Lynne made a motion to accept the March minutes which was seconded by Matt.

Director's Report:

1. Jackie reported that is has been a busy March, 60 families currently being served. The Mood Check survey given out at HHS may have triggered an increase in calls. April and months ahead will also be busy. They continue to see patients in office and by zoom. She is also receiving many calls looking for special needs camps. John wanted to know how many more patients YFS could accept and Jackie said that YFS doesn't turn people away but the level of support they are able to offer may be different depending on current case load.

2. May meeting will be Kirsten's last meeting before maternity leave. Carrie will be staying on as temporary help, starting June 1 through August. Grad level interns from Simmons have been interviewed but Jackie is unsure at this time how many interns she will take next year.

3. Jackie advised the board on 'Mission Moments', trainings and meetings attended by the YFS staff/interns. Highlights/Program updates as follows:

- Created initiative for DMH earmark money with Dr. Kustka and Kelly Camp, HPS
- Working collaboratively with Pantry Shelf trying to make it more accessible to those in need. Pantry Shelf donated CSA Farm shares for YFS families and also provided gift cards to local grocery stores and restaurants.
- COVID Art and Remembrance Project in collaboration with Self Esteem through Art (Jenn Pipe) is underway. There is an online art gallery. Links about how to submit and access were provided. Jackie is using social media, HPS Arts Dept and Holliston Reporter, Holliston Town Pages, to get word out.

- HDAAC is working on the DFC grant, building up the required 12 sectors. There will be a stakeholder retreat this May. They are talking about engaging a broader membership that could be supportive but not require attending monthly meetings.
- 4. Rent and Mortgage Relief Update: Holliston received third round of \$25K. So far, 9K to 8 families has been given out. Needs to do some outreach. Keeping grants on lower side to be able to help more families. No deadline given as to when monies need to be spent.
- 5. Jackie has been helping to schedule vaccines for townspeople who need help. Send anyone needing help to YFS.

New Business:

1. John reported on the HCAF. Has received a few requests for utility help, is helping to administer the Rent and Mortgage Relief monies and the student division has many new faces. Student division recently participated in the Rail Trail Clean up. Look for signs around town advertising HCAF, 'here to help'.

Closing Remarks: Alison motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kate seconded.

Next Meeting: The next YFS board meeting will be held on Monday, May 3rd, 2021 by zoom invite.

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynne Rahim