

## Holliston Youth Advisory Council

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

Absent: None.

### Opening Remarks:

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

### Director's Report:

1. The November meeting was rescheduled so that Margaret could attend the Superintendent's Stress Task Force meeting but she was unfortunately unable to attend due to a migraine. The meeting was well attended by report and Margaret will have more information after the next meeting, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Margaret and Chrissy's HHS groups are running and going well with 5-6 students per group. Chrissy's group is for social issues with Freshmen/Sophomores and Margaret's is for anxiety and stress. Groups are scheduled to run for 8 weeks but if students would like to continue on, that is possible.
3. Margaret is meeting this week with Gina Stucchi (HDAAC) and Holliston Police to discuss Gloucester's model of not adjudicating drug users, but getting them into treatment instead. The program has had much success in the short time it has been in place.
4. YFS has also started a smaller Court Diversion program for kids caught with pot. To avoid civil charges, youth are given the option to do Community Service, pay a fine to the town and attend a short term substance abuse program through YFS (all within 1 year). Gretchen wondered if these kids were also being screened for anxiety and depression.

### New Business:

1. The board welcomed prospective member Holly Fischer - Engel. Margaret explained the history of her position.
2. Search for new council members is complete for this year, but we will still need to find a replacement for Ellen for next year. Job Description still not found (for advertising the position).

3. Lynne suggested going paperless (Minutes and Agenda). A voice vote concurred.

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

Next Meeting: The next YFS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th, 2015 at 7pm at the YFS office, 1750 Washington St.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lynne Rahim