

HOLLISTON YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday October 22, 2018
7:00 pm
1750 Washington St, Holliston, MA

Advisory Council Members Present: Darlene Vittori-Marsell, Kathy Cumming, Lynne Rahim, Holly Fischer-Engel, Peggy Payne, John Drohan, Ainsley Maclachlan, Brendan Haddad

Absent: Jen Lieberman, Andrew Frimpong

In Attendance: Jean Vazza (potential new board member)

General Business

Motion to open the meeting: Lynne Rahim

2nd: Kath Cummings

1. Review September minutes

Motion to approve minutes: Peggy Payne

2nd: John Drohan

2. Director's Report & data report

Jackie: working collaboratively with schools.

Taking in H.S. Intern. Developing a pilot program with Sue Stone. Interns will be at HYFS approximately one period each day. The students will do intern seminars, a community service project and attend a monthly system of care meeting.

November 6th 7-9 Parent information night. HYFS will sit on the panel. HYFS will play a role in supporting school adjustment and guidance counselors in identifying community resources.

Joanna will do Grief and Loss group with the Senior Center. HYFS is working to build relationships, identify needs, and provide services to Holliston senior citizens.

Monday, November 19th, 2018 HYFS will host an open house 6-8pm at 1750 Washington Street, Holliston.

Restorative Justice: Restorative justice is addressing harm that has been done in the criminal justice system and with social emotional learning. HYFS is embedding this philosophy/practice into the Court Diversion Program. HYFS is individualizing conferencing and restitution objectives within the program.

Monthly system of care meeting. This is a peer meeting sharing resources.

Data: Jackie has added demographics to data collection on referrals.

New Business:

1. Grant update: 1st draft was vetoed by HYFS. Jackie continues to work on this and is co-chairing the coalition. HYFS is coordinating with HPS to develop the role of HYFS in the implementation of the grant.
2. Ethics certification due: Jen, John, Kathy, Holly, Andrew – Student members?
3. Update on Community fund.

Officially up and running. Website is up, as is the grant program. The next task will be organizing a youth portion of the group (<https://hollistoncommunityaction.org>).

4. Updates from student advisory board members
Students have seen an improvement in vaping incidence at the school with the inclusion of the new Hall Monitor.
5. Discussion of open board seat: Jean Vazza, a school Adjustment Counselor for Medway Public Schools and former Youth and Family services director will be joining the Advisory Committee.

Next Meeting: November 26, 2018

Motion to close the meeting: Holly Fischer Engel
2nd:: Peggy Payne

Respectively Submitted By: Peggy Payne