

HOLLISTON YOUTH & FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 16, 2019

7:00 PM

1750 Washington Street,
Holliston, MA 01746

Advisory Council Members Present: Darlene Vittori-Marsell, Kathy Cumming, Lynne Rahim, Jen Lieberman, Peggy Payne, John Drohan, Ainsley Maclachlan (Jaclyn Winer), Jean Vazza. Deb Coppins, Melissa Stacy

Absent: Brendan Haddad

YFS Staff in Attendance: Jackie Winer, Kirsten Rancourt

-Motion to open the meeting: Kathy Cumming
Second: Jen Lieberman

-Motion to accept the October 2019 Minutes Kathy Cummings
Second: Deb Coppins

General Business:

1. Welcome to any newcomers:
Deb Coppins will be stepping down, leaving an open position on the board. Al
2. HDAAC representative updates:
HDAAC's event at the Holliston Library was a success. It was 2 hours long and attended by about 50 people. It was livestreamed by HCAT and titled, "Heartbeat of Holliston." There was an interfaith prayer service followed by a speaker. Melissa Stacy did an excellent job organizing this event. Thinking about a parent survey to determine what kinds of programs/topics might be most useful for the future.
3. Director's Report
Jackie worked with Dr. Jackson to develop a community resource guide, which is accessible from the YFS website and will be updated annually.

Social Spot will take place on 12/27 at the library. This is a free event with transportation available. A PG movie will be shown.

November saw 23 new referrals; December has 6 new referrals thus far. Referrals encompass a variety of needs including homelessness, eviction, hoarding, depression.

1 new diversion case. 1 continued diversion case. 7 clients in the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program (DAAP).

Current data: 74 clients enrolled in counseling since July (in addition to students who attend Drop in 2 Art). During the 2018 year, there were 81 clients for the entire year.

New Business:

1. Update on Community fund
2019 Annual Gifting yielded 6k. Could entertain supporting community betterment projects in addition to emergency aid. YFS director is encouraged to reach out to the Community Fund if an individual/s is identified who might need help. Current projects include an after school club (Everybody Matters) and a movie night at the high school.
2. Discuss roles of YFS Chairperson and begin plan for next year: Chairperson has broken the position of chairperson down to component roles/tasks to enable a cooperative approach to shared responsibility of the position among board members. These include:
 - Liason to the town
 - Jackie's evaluation – March to May
 - Chairing meeting, creating agenda
 - Minutes
3. There is an open seat on the board.

Next Meeting: Monday January 27, 2020

-Motion to adjourn: Lynne Rahim
Second: Deb Coppins

Respectfully Submitted By:

Peggy Payne
Secretary YFS Advisory Council