

HOLLISTON YOUTH & FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

7:00 pm - Monday September 21, 2020 /Via Zoom

Advisory Council Members Present: Jen Lieberman, Lynne Rahim, Peggy Payne, Jean Vazza, John Drohan, Kathy Cumming, Alison Quinans, Kate Cunningham, Stephanie Farrell, Brian Sahajian

Absent:

YFS Staff in Attendance: Jackie Winer, Kirsten Rancourt, 20/21 Interns: Carrie Buddington, Will Sullivan

-Motion to open the meeting: Jean Vazza

Second: Alison Quinan

-Motion to accept the June 2020 Minutes: Kathy Cummings

Second: Kate Cunningham

General Business:

1. Introduction and welcoming of new interns

Will Sullivan and Carrie Buddington, and new student members, Stephanie Farrell and Brian Sahajian.

2. Director's Report

9/1/20 Select board voted 3-0 to approve our Rent & Mortgage Relief Program under the federal CARES Act program.

9/9/20 Select board approved spending for 'Call forwarding to cellphone' feature.

9/10/20 MSW interns began the 20/21 school year.

Staff is currently back in the office. They are at 50% capacity.

YFS reported 27 clients, including 4 court diversion participants.

Communications & Electronic Medical Record Update: Currently migrating over to Theranest Electronic Medical Record, purchased June 2020, which will streamline functions related clinical programming, including telehealth. Currently covered by the CARES Act but will need to be factored into FY21/22 budget.

Department purchased 'Call forwarding to cellphone' for \$380 of which \$228 will come from our existing budget if the CARES Act is not extended.

Holliston Rent & Mortgage Relief: \$25,000 Rent and mortgage relief approved through the CARES Act funds. There is a rolling application process. Applications are being prioritized based on level of need and those with children. There is support from Community Action Fund and YFS Advisory Board to vet applications

New Business:

1. Update on Community Action Fund

School/student participation has been on hold due to quarantine. They plan to begin meeting via zoom with a focus on outdoor events. They are working with YFS to support Holliston rent & mortgage relief efforts with bandwidth to support other needs for members of the community, as identified by YFS both independently and via other community agencies.

2. HDAAC Update

The request for DFC funding is on hold due to 0% budget requests. The coalition would like this to continue to be a priority. HDAAC is meeting quarterly and planning a 'virtual open house' for those interested in early November. Their next coalition meeting is on Tuesday October 6, 2020 at 6:30PM via Zoom.

3. Recruitment for new board member

The Advisory committee has 8 members and would like to add another member. Kathy, John and Lynne will need to be sworn in at town hall.

-Motion to adjourn: Lynne Rahim

Second: Alison Quinnan

Next Meeting: Monday Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted By:

Peggy Payne

Secretary YFS Advisory Council