

December 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom meeting

**Advisory Council Members Present:** Jen Lieberman, Lynne Rahim, Peggy Payne, Matt Putvinski, Kathy Cummings, Alison Quinans, Kate Cunningham, Stephanie Farrell, Brian Sahajian

**Absent:** John Drohan

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

Opening Statement: Remote participation; Roll Call; Recording will be posted

-Motion to open the meeting: Lynne Rahim

Second: Kate Cunningham

#### General Business:

1. Review of November 2020 minutes.

Motion to approve the November minutes: Kathy Cumming

2<sup>nd</sup> motion to accept: Kate Cunningham

2. We will revisit the overview of YFS Role in community and our role as council members during the January 2021 meeting.

3. Director's Report.

- Interfaith event was streamed on HCAT and attended by about 30 people.
- Panel discussion on pandemic parenting. Well attended.
- Initiative with HPD called, "Dinner on us". Every night for the month of December they are providing dinner to a family.
- In addition to the 10k grant, residents voted to reinstate a cost of living adjustment, impacting YFS staff (not department heads).
- Lots of new referrals, primarily from the schools. Supporting clients while interns are on break over the holidays.

#### New Business:

1. Rent and Mortgage Relief Update.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and final round included 14 residents who have received relief. There is a goal of identifying another 1-3 residents who need help. In total, 23 residents have received help.
2. Update on Community Action Fund. \*Congratulations to John Drohan. He was awarded the Humanitarian Award for his work in the community.
  - \$3000 in emergency assistance grants to residents, including grants to help residents with utilities and wifi.
3. HDAAC Update. Grant writer funding for Drug Free Communities (DFC)
  - Grant writer update: Jackie is working on identification of the grant writer and hopes that she will have someone by January 2021. Looking for experience in the Drug Free Community grant, as well as some municipal experience, substance abuse and prevention.

4. Updates from Student Advisory Board Members
  - Zoom update has made classes more accessible.
  - Students report feeling safe at school from a covid perspective.
5. Reminder was made to members who need to be sworn in; all members need to take the state ethics test and email the certificate to Liz Greendale (test is taken every 2 years).

Motion to close the meeting: Matt Putvinski

2<sup>nd</sup> :Alison Quinans

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted By: Peggy Payne