

HOLLISTON YOUTH & FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

7:00 pm – Monday February 1, 2021 (via Zoom) 1750 Washington Street, Holliston, MA

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

Absent: John Drohan, Carrie Buddington (Intern)

YFS Staff in Attendance: Jackie Winer, Kirsten Rancourt, Will Sullivan (Intern)

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

-Motion to open the meeting: Alison Quinan
Second: Kate Cunningham

General Business:

1. Review of January 2021 minutes.

-Motion to open the accept the January minutes: Lynne Rahim
Second: Kathy Cummings

-Motion to recommend new member, Kristin Haddad, to the Selectboard for appointment to YFS Advisory committee: Alison Quinan
Second: Peggy Payne
Vote: 7/7 all in favor.

New Business

1. Budget Proposal for FY22.
Jaclyn Winer presented the budget. Increases included: the cost of a clinical consultant who has been a resource to the program and provided support during COVID-19 leaves, and the cost of communications, also related to COVID-19, which enabled clinicians to provide remote services, Increase related to providing coverage for a maternity leave.

Motion for Jaclyn Winer to present the FY22 budget to the Finance Committee:
Second: Peggy Payne
Vote: 7/7 all in favor.

Director's Report:

Busy month with COVID-19 needs. Partnering with the Holliston Food Pantry. They are serving 250 families currently and have shared some CSA memberships with families who may need it. The director attended the HDAAC kick off meeting and worked with the new grant writer.

-Vaccines

Human service workers, including YFS staff, have been able to get the vaccine. The director is hoping to increase in person meetings with clients where they would benefit from “in person” services. Jackie has been partnering with Council on Aging to provide support and access to vaccines.

Referrals: Steady increase in referrals (5 in January, 1 in February). Court diversion is going well, with three steady participants.

2. Community Action Fund Update. A few pending requests for the Community Action Fund. Student arm of Community Action Fund has been active increasing visibility.

3. Updates from Student Advisory Board Members.

Remote finals. Nothing new. Students are hopeful that vaccines will happen soon for teachers, so that school can reopen.

4. Any other updates or information.

-Motion to adjourn: Matt Putvinski

Second: Alison Quinans

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8th at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted By:

Peggy Payne

Secretary YFS Advisory Council

Approved on 3/8/2021

