

HOLLISTON YOUTH & FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 pm – Monday June 14, 2021 (via Zoom) 1750 Washington Street,
Holliston, MA

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

Absent: Kristen Haddad

YFS Staff in Attendance: Jackie Winer

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 May 2021 minutes.

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

2. Director's Report.

Held a stakeholder's retreat. A lot of people who were at the retreat rated themselves low on knowledge of the impact of substance abuse. Jackie attended a systems of care training. There is a major access problem with respect to people being able to be seen. There appears to be funding available through the American Rescue funds, and Jackie wants to be ready to advocate for funds when they become available. Jackie is on the hiring team for the social emotional position at the school. Jackie will be posting in early July for a candidate to cover her maternity leave. Kirsten will shift into Jackie's role during the leave.

Internships end this week. New intern will start on September 1st.
Anticipating an increase in the need for services for next year. Jackie is hoping to leverage funding in a way that may support the ability to provide increased services.

Rent and Mortgage relief: They received \$25,000.00 during this round of funding. Jackie has to approve all requests by June 30th. In total 40 families have been helped thus far by the \$75k in Rent and Mortgage Relief.

2020/2021 look back: YFS supported 110 families (vs. 78 families in 2018). Court diversion had a 100% success rate (no arrests/citations within 6 months of Court Diversion program). 357 phone calls to help families access resources. HDAAC allocated funding to hire a grant writer, held an interfaith prayer service, worked to build capacity for coalition membership, increased participation in monthly meetings, and held successful two-night stakeholder retreat.

New Business:

1. Comprehensive Long-Range Planning Committee (designee needed). Matt Putvinski is interested in this.
2. Jackie's Evaluation 2021 – The board reviewed Jackie's evaluation and shared the results and feedback with Jackie.
3. Community Action Fund Update.
End of Year student party at Goodwill Park will be this Friday, June 18th. Some events planned for the summer. Possible board spots available.
4. HDAAC Update/Drug Free Community Grant Update
They hope to have the grant written by July. It has to be submitted by November. The coalition has strong internal leadership. We want to be sure that we support them, so that they are able to continue with the grant. Hoping that the coalition will be funded by mid-year.
The stakeholders meeting was a powerful evening. Students reported that it was comfortable and enlightening. The use of an anonymous chat and online sticky note interface were helpful in being able to contribute and feel comfortable.
5. Updates from Student Advisory Board Members.
Last full week of school. It's a little hard to stay motivated. Finishing up sports and getting ready for finals.

6. Any other updates or information.

The Chairperson cautioned the Advisory Council on the use of social media.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Lynne Rahim

Second: Peggy Payne

Next Meeting: Monday, September 20th

Respectfully Submitted By:

Peggy Payne

Secretary YFS Advisory Council