

Needham Youth Services

Youth Commission Meeting Notes

December 10, 2014

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 11/12/2014; December Department Report; Forde Award Invitation Flyer; RAY of Hope Flyer; Employment Program Flyer; Peer Tutor Handbook; VIP Program Mentor Training Manual; Peer Tutor Handout; and VIP Photos.

- **Accepted Minutes of 11/12/2014**
- **Fiscal Year 2016 and Part-Time Position Update**
Update on FY 2016 process, as well as the status on part-time position.
- **Community Focus**
Discussed the issue of school ipads and parents reaction at the middle school parenting conference to this new and increased technology. Also discussed a recent suicide in Needham.
- **Focus on VIP and Peer Tutor Program**
The staff shared about the VIP and Peer Tutor Programs. Both are going very well.
- **Programs/Services Update:**
 - Update on A Conversation...Workshops; next workshop is slated late January.
 - Update on QPR; very good training held in December.
 - RAY of hope continues monthly; members are encouraged to visit the website.
 - Winter Brochure; available online and at locations such as the Public Library.
 - Middle School Parenting Conference; very well attended.
 - Update on the Domestic Violence Action Committee; working on fundraising project.
 - Presenting to the Eliot School PTC in January on school/student stress.
 - The new Director of Public Health started a few weeks ago.
 - Have started work on the 2015 Summer Undergraduate Internship Program.
 - Have started work on the 2015/2016 Graduate School Clinical Internship Program.
 - Update on Make A Statement Day; secured funding and are meeting with students.
 - Sibshops Program; started last year and we will be presenting a second program in 2015.
 - Upcoming training on depression and suicide for Needham Public School Interns.
 - Update on the Youth Resource Network; shared general information regarding program.
 - Update on the Forde Award; 2015 recipient is Louise Condon (to be held at Town Hall).
 - Update on School Wellness Action Committee meeting.
- **Old/New Business**
 - March meeting will be annual retreat at the Center at the Heights (food signup to follow).
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm
- **Adjourn**

Members Present: Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Kevin Keane, Susan Patkin, Sonia Raja, and Vin Springer

Members Absent: Karen Folb and Regina Longley

Staff Present: Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, and Liz Loveless

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