

Needham Youth Services

Board of Director Meeting Notes

October 13, 2010

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 9/7/10; October Department Report; QPR Flyer; Project VAN photos; Safe Surf Publication (PDF of booklet); Challenging Conversations Flyer; A Conversation Flyer; FY 2010 Annual Report; Board and Staff Ideas Updated; Healthy Needham 2011 Calendar; and eight (8) newspaper articles.

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 9/7/2010**

➤ **Department Report:**

- Update on support the schools with anti-bullying programming.
- Update on Mentor Network Program./
- Will be serving on Newman School Parents Advisory Council.
- We are assisting New Years Needham regarding teen-focused events.
- Distributed the Supplemental Packet.
- Distributed Healthy Needham 2011 Calendars.
- Update on the DVAC.
- Will be addressing Needham Public School Guidance Department on 10/19.
- Will be addressing Needham Public School Nursing Department on 10/19.
- Addressed High Rock/Pollard PTC on 10/13.
- Update on High Rock/Pollard Parent Program scheduled for 11/20.
- Will be attending Suicide Prevention Conference on 10/15.
- Will hold first “A Conversation...For Parents of Teens” workshop on 10/19.
- Will be meeting with Jonathan Pizzi on 10/22.
- Will be meeting with Tom Clinton (retiring Youth Commission Director from Dedham) in October.
- Will be providing Internship training on Group Work for the Westwood/Dedham/Needham Interns as well as interns from the Needham Public Schools.
- Special Town Meeting will be held on 11/8.
- Peer Tutor Update; things going very well.
- RAY of Hope pictures and video are posted on website each month.
- Discussed Town Hall renovations and the space assigned to Youth Services.

➤ **Program Focus: Staff and Board Project**

Brainstormed about possible projects --- more discussion to continue in the months ahead. Staff and Board will be thinking about and investigating the possibility of work in the realm of Internet Social Networking --- and the discussion will continue at the next meeting. In addition, staff and Board members are encouraged to continue to think of other possible ideas and projects.

➤ **Administrative Focus: Discussion: FY 2012 and Staffing Matters**

Current staffing Update: Staff is very pleased with our Clinical Intern; Jayme Nowland will continue to assist us part-time until the end of December; we expect to hire another part-time temp starting in December; and a staff member will be on extended Medical Leave starting the end of November. We will have lost approximately 20% of staff for the first half of FY 2011 and this has been significant and has negatively impacted services and programs.

FY 2012: This will be another very difficult year. It is the expectation that our Social Worker vacancy will be filled in the near future (at the moment Town of Needham hiring is in a holding pattern).

➤ **Old/New Business: (none)**

➤ **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, November 9, 2010 PSAB --- Webster Room (second floor)

Members Present:	Cathy Lunetta, Ronnie Haas, Ariana Chae, Jessica Hoguet, Doug Levy, Danielle Penny, Vin Springer, Debbie Winnick
Members Absent:	(none)
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman