Needham Youth Services

Board of Director Meeting Notes

April 10, 2013

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 3/13/2013; April Department Report; Patrick Forde Ceremony pictures; QPR Training Evaluation Compilation; RAY of Hope Press Release; Gun Safety Flyer; Materials related to the 2013 Make A Statement Day; Materials related to the Bullying Program at Pollard Middle School; and twenty-two (22) press articles.

• Accepted Minutes of 3/13/2013

• FY 2014 Update

It is anticipated that the Youth Services Budget will be approved at the Annual Town Meeting in May

• Community Focus Discussion

Discussed a range of topics including the Ryan Cassata presentation at Needham High School and the issue of having dogs at the high school as a substance use prevention measure.

• Report on Make AS Statement Day and the Bullying Program at Pollard. The staff shared about the above programs.

• Programs and Services Updates

- o A Conversation Update; last session was in March and was for Dad's Only
- o Babysitter Training Seminars; March Training was the fifth and final one for this year
- o Will be presenting at a Congregational Church program on Gun Safety
- o Needham Unplugged ended in March; good publicity for this program this year
- o Appeared as the guest blogger in a live blog for Boston.com Parent Buzz
- o Attended the Annual Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference
- o Update on Peer Tutor Program; Award Ceremony scheduled on 4/28
- o Update on Project VAN; dates scheduled for this summer
- o Update on VIP Program; ended in April
- o Summer registration opens on May 1st
- o Update on Extreme Looks Program; scheduled for late June/Early July
- Update on Loss Program at Needham High School
- o Will launch social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) this summer
- o Update on Single Parent Support Group; will enter second year of programming
- Update on Youth Resource Network

• New/Old Business:

- o In the process of identifying a student who will be a junior next year to take Alison's place as her term will expire in June
- o Issue of a summer meeting (or not) mentioned and next month members will vote on FY 2014 meeting dates

• Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2013 in the May/Chapel Meeting Room. (a light dinner will be served)

• Adjourn

Members Present: Karen Folb, Allison Berger, David Bookston, Susan Patkin, Vin Springer, Julie

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Members Absent: Debbie Winnick, Justin Jones

Staff Present: Jon Mattleman, Michelle Butman, Katy Colthart