

Needham Youth & Family Services

Youth Commission Meeting Notes

1/10/18

Materials Distributed (both prior to or/and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 12/13/2017; January Department Report, Forde Award Invitation, Winter Brochure and the Metrowest Health Foundation Grant receipt press release

Accepted Minutes of 12/13/2017

Clinical Focus: Meet our Clinical Intern, Caitlin White

Caitlin came to the board meeting and introduced herself, how she came to work in the field of social work and all that she has been a part of while interning at Youth & Family Services

Updates given:

- We are still reveling in having received the grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation, we are beginning planning of who will be trained and there is a meeting at the Foundation on January 18th to learn more.
- Internship Collaborative has been meeting every other week, the group held a training on Emotion Regulation.
- In addition, Ben and Carolyn will be attending a training on Oppositional Defiant Behaviors on January 17th.
- Groups are underway. Be you tiful wrapped up at Newman, Broadmeadow girls group ended yesterday, Hillside continues and we are in talks with Pollard to start 2 groups soon.
- We have received a few new counseling referrals...we currently have 2 children on our waitlist
- We continue to receive SAAP and BIP referrals and are making progress
 - Catherine Delano from Public Health sees 3 clients right now and has been a huge help

Program Focus: The VIP Program

The VIP Mentoring program, that matches high school students with 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, was explained to board members. Members were shown photos from the program and questions were answered.

Updates given:

- Registration for Babysitting started last week and there has been a good response
- Our Forde Award ceremony is this month, January 29th, we hope you all can attend
- We are finishing up the Unplugged calendar, we are confirming dates and times of events with both Park and Recreation as well as the YMCA
- MASA planning has begun. We hope do some direct marketing to different clubs at the high school. Tom Denton will help with this program this year as we do not have a faculty co-advisor
- Peer Tutor is running smoothly. Tutee Parent Mid-year Evaluations are coming in and the feedback has been positive
- We start our Safe Surf Workshops for the 6th grade next week...Wednesday and Thursday all day.
- Picture Perfect will resume this week for this trimester of 8th graders

Community Focus:

- Shayan raised concern by some students at NHS regarding the renovation of the school and how the arts programs are perceived to be neglected

Updates given:

- Coordinating with schools and public health to aid 3 displaced families in Needham
- Provided 13 additional community consultations this month
 - AGSA presentation today
 - Pollard groups
 - 200 t-shirts were given to Pollard to support a program they were running
- Leadership (former Department Managers) meetings continue to meet monthly
- Solution Committee meetings continue to meet. We currently sit on 3 committees
- Domestic Violence Action Committee meetings meet monthly
 - Title IX training next month
- Span Coalition meetings are held monthly, Carolyn will sit on the Alcohol Action Team and I am working on the sustainability action team.
- CCIT meeting held today
- All town hall training on 12/20...emergency preparedness, email etiquette, and town updates

- **Old/New Business:**

- We will be going before the Finance Committee on January 31st
- Kevin volunteered to select the next Ray of Hope recipient

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	David Bookston, Kevin Keane, Karen Mullen, Shayan Raza, Vin Springer, and Julie Stevens
Members Absent:	Susan Patkin and Jack Cruickshank
Division Staff Present:	Katy Colthart, Carolyn Tracey, Maria Papantoniou and Ben Aronson
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