



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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April 14, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Alley Schmeizl, Tim Shanahan, Brie Messer, Megan Bishop, Grace Carlos, William Carlos, Lt Lenny Bunnell, Dan Boisvert

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Liaison Councilman Tim May

Absent: Susan Rickards

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm

I. Chairman's Report

- Minutes Approval – March 2016 Minutes approved 1st by Tim, 2nd Lt Bunnell
- New Board Member(s) welcome

II. New Business, Programs, Events & Fundraisers

- Crafter/Vendor Fair
 - a. This Sunday, April 17th 10am-3pm, Mohegan Fire House, all proceeds to benefit Youth Services
- Mental Health Forum
 - a. Hosted by Kathleen McCarty. Attendance was light but had very meaningful discussion. There were questions regarding police involvement with individuals with mental health challenges. Panel included Julienne Girard (DMHAS), Jennifer Gross from SERMHB, Angela Duhaime from SERAC, Jim O'Dea (Hartford Health Care), Superintendent Brian Levesque, Mayor McDaniel and Barbara Lockhart
- New Billboard Ideas
 - a. Barbara seeks input from various stakeholders (Dan Dunn & others) for ideas for new billboards for June – August
- May Fun Days
 - a. First week of May, YSB recognition week – Riverside Reptiles, Derek the Magician and Ben & Jerry's
- YSB Day at the Capitol
 - a. Thursday, April 21st – the agenda outlines youth engagement and empowerment. The panel includes all legislators under the age of 30. Youth driven projects will be showcased

- Grant Updates
 - a. Applied for the grant that would fund transportation and supplies for summer projects with the police – the Board commented that the police grant has been a huge success – (youth-police positive interaction)
 - b. Applying to Chelsea-Groton and MEF for additional grant funding

III. Old Business

- Community Conversation 2016
 - a. Great turnout for the opiate forum. There were 94 youth in attendance with a total of 200 participants overall. The panel consisted of experts from the region on Mental Health and Suicide Awareness including a parent of youth in recovery. A video was shared and there was a discussion regarding prescription pain medications and not only the use of heroin. The board shared that it opened the conversation with youth in attendance, clarified myths in regards to how dangerous heroin can be (even a small amount is lethal) and the use and availability of Narcan. The Montville Police Department is part of a regional task force. Lt. Bunnell clarified how the crime scenes need to be processed in drug-related investigations.

The board discussed the importance of how important it is that community input is crucial to these conversations. We may need to look at ways to improve communication and specifically support the schools in their communication. The recent school-based survey was very helpful and informative. We have an excellent superintendent – Brian even added a question to the survey.

- Shamrock Shakes
 - a. Local police participated and video of them playing basketball with the kids became very popular on Facebook
- March Madness
 - a. Youth participated in various tournaments (basketball, pool, etc.) and received awards
- New Billboard Campaign
 - a. There is a small amount of prevention funding available
- “Did You Know” Campaigns 2016
 - a. Sticker Campaign in regards to prescription drug abuse and other survey findings
 - b. Youth are more involved with the new campaigns (YAC)
- Once Circle Group
 - a. EBP curriculum 6-8 weeks girls group on Saturdays. Self-esteem, community-safety, April 30th the group will be attending Matilda at the Bushnell
- Fair Oaks Update
 - a. August of 2016 is the official move-in date, recent meeting with the Mayor, Planning and Zoning and Youth Service Bureau Director. There has been a lot of painting and cleaning being done, IT is in progress, and walkie talkies were

donated. Security will be similar to the current YSB building. The front of the building still needs work. YSB Director is also exploring transportation options because some families have expressed concern about the distance. Will the program need more staff? Barbara will share additional updates going forward.

IV. YAC (Youth Action Council)

- Penny Drive Update
 - a. Play Day and Wake-a-Thon money collected will be for Safe Futures, 35 kids participated in the Penny Play Day, very successful, Wake-a-Thon is on 4/21.
- Dating Violence Awareness
 - a. The high school group is doing community projects about domestic violence awareness
 - b. Grace coordinated the signature poster boards with the message: “Montville Says No More”
 - c. Youth Services is collaborating with the schools about healthy relationships for young girls and boys

V. Good and Welfare

- N/A

VI. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

- 168 cases to date
- There have been local discussions regarding “teaming” youth that are dually involved with CSSD & DCF. Families are included in the teaming process. This is already started at Waterford Juvenile Court.
- Policy & Training Update
 - a. Barbara shared an update on policy and practices that best supports families and their successful experience with the JRB
 - b. June 6th LIST/JRB conference there will be a breakout session on the Crossover Youth (COY) pilot program

VII. Other Business

- The Board discussed their concern with the state’s budget impact on local YSB resources
- Advisory Board Elections for Officers 2016-2018
 - a. Chairmanship, co-chair and secretary positions, motion first by Tim, 2nd Dan, motion approved (Barbara abstained)

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:32, 1st by Dan, 2nd by Brie

Next meeting – May 12, 2016 – 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted: Allyson Schmeizl (MYAB Secretary)

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