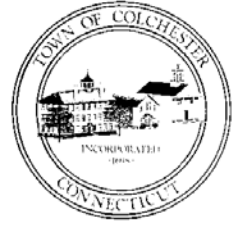




# Colchester Youth FIRST

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## Youth Services Advisory Board/ Youth FIRST Coalition

April 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Location: Colchester Youth Center

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Voting members present: Lorraine Marvin, Robert Suchecki, Ginnie Streppa, Tricia Dean, Kathy Wonderly

Voting members absent: Josh Vinoski, Gina Ebbeling, Linda Bromley, Elyse Gabel

Non voting members present: Christopher Bennett

Non voting members absent: Linda Iacobellis, Barbara Gilbert

Others present: Valerie Geato, Ashlee Denny, Jennifer Martino, Amber Albee, Denise Mizla (BOS), Christine Miskell, Rob Tarlov (BOF)

1. Rob Suchecki called meeting to order at 5:00 pm
2. Kathy Wonderly motion to approve March meeting minutes, Lorraine Marvin seconds the motion.
3. No public comments.
4. New Business
  - a. No program update questions
  - b. Drug Free Community Mentoring Grant
    1. Working with Christine from SERAC for the opportunity
    2. Youth First/ Advisory Board would also serve as the Drug Prevention Coalition. We will need to add representatives from a couple required sectors to make it complete.
    3. The goal of the DFC grant is to change environmental factors, making substance abuse unacceptable and unavailable. We want to change the culture
    4. Rob Suchecki motions to vote on pursuing the DFC mentoring grant. Motion to approve- Rob Suchecki, Kathy Wonderly, Ginnie Streppa, Tricia Dean, Lorraine Marvin. None opposed.
5. Old Business
  - a. Summer Kick Off/ Palooza
    1. Not enough information or time available to sponsor a 5k, maybe something to research and plan for the Fall.

2. Summer Kick off would take place on the last day of school, June 19, which is statistically a higher usage and experimental day for drugs and alcohol among youth.
  3. \$10 wristbands to be sold in advance
  4. DJ, Photobooth, Inflatables, Dunk tank
  5. Open to students in 5-8 grade??
  6. Include the climbing center
  7. Need to get shirts for volunteers.
  8. In order for the event to be able to take place, we would need at least 30 adult volunteers from 11am-3:30pm. We will reach out to the PTO, Middle school parents groups, etc. Board members are asked to give us a list of volunteers by April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Community Conversation Wrap Up
    1. The event was a success, about 150 parents and students were in attendance
    2. Rob Suchecki received positive feedback from parents regarding the presentation
  - c. Prescription Drug Campaign
    1. Magnets have been designed and ordered. They have the drop box information on them along with a phone number. They will be distributed at the pharmacies.
    2. The statistics for how much is collected in our town is available and we will get that information to share.
6. Next Agenda
    - a. Summer Kick Off
    - b. Youth Leadership Award
    - c. Next Community Conversation- Alcohol
7. Rob Suchecki motions to adjourn at 6:12 pm, Kathy Wonderly seconds the motion.