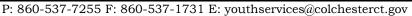


## Colchester Youth FIRST

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## Youth Services Advisory Board/ Youth FIRST Coalition February 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes Location: Colchester Youth Center

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Voting members present: Lorraine Marvin, Gina Ebbeling, Kathy Wonderly, Robert Suchecki,

Ginnie Streppa, Linda Bromley, Josh Vinoski Voting members absent: Tricia Dean, Elyse Gabel

Non voting members present: Barbara Gilbert, Linda Iacobellis

Non voting members absent: Christopher Bennett

Others present: Valerie Geato, Ashlee Denny, Jennifer Martino, Amber Albee, Denise Mizla

(BOS), Christine Miskell

- 1. Gina Ebbeling called meeting to order at 5:07 pm
- 2. Kathy Wonderly motion to approve December meeting minutes, Rob Suchecki seconds the motion.
- 3. No public comments.
- 4. No program update questions. Discussion of final outcome of Girls on Track.
- 5. Community Conversation
  - a. Wednesday, March 25, 6pm at Bacon Academy
  - b. Focus on addiction
  - c. Mary Marcuccio will be returning to present to parents, while the students interact with a panel of young adults currently in recovery (sober for at least 1 year) from Stonington Institute.
  - d. Trying to increase attendance from Bacon students. Jen and Ashlee are going to speak to teachers in hopes that there can be more exposure and potential for extra credit opportunities.
  - e. Flyers will be sent to WJJMS and Bacon within the next week.
- 6. Community Wide Prescription Drug Abuse Campaign
  - a. Get other businesses/ programs/ Senior Center/ Realtors involved to help educate people about the risks of leaving prescriptions unlocked.
  - b. There will be a program at the senior center that educates seniors about locking up meds and the prescription drop off box.
  - c. Tear-aways will be created and placed at pharmacies and possibly medical clinics with information and the prescription drop box location.

- 7. Summer Palooza/ Summer Kickoff Discussion
  - a. Focus is on fundraising and exposure for the youth center/ youth services
  - b. Event will be Saturday, June 13, 2015
  - c. Free ice cream for kids
  - d. Dunk Tank
    - 1. Fundraising portion- \$5 for 3 balls
    - 2. Have kids vote at each school for who they want in the tank
    - 3. Set times for each school to be represented
    - 4. Members will ask around to see if any organizations already own a dunk tank
  - e. T-shirts? Have pre-made tie-dye or replace with "I dunked \_\_\_\_\_" shirts
- 8. Linda Bromley motions to adjourn at 6:06 pm, Kathy Wonderly seconds the motion.