



## 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 WJMS 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.