



Colchester Youth & Social Services

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Youth Services Advisory Board/Youth FIRST Coalition Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5:00pm Youth Center

Voting members present: Kathy Wonderly, Lorraine Marvin, Linda Bromley, Officer Rob Suchecki, Pam Scheibelein
Others present: Director Val Geato, Hannah Knight, Elizabeth Allard, BOS Liaison Denise Mizla, Chris Stravoravtis

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Kathy Wonderly called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
2. Approve April 2018 Meeting Minutes: Rob Suchecki motioned to approve the May 2018 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Linda Bromley
3. Public Comments: None
4. New Business:
 - A. Program Updates: Trips will be open to Freshmen and Sophomore students only beginning with the 2018/2019 school year.
 - B. Kathy Wonderly and Rob Suchecki will assist with the "Chasing the Dragon" presentation on May 24, 2018. DMHAS will be bringing a Remembrance Quilt as part of this program. People are able to make squares in memory those they have lost from addiction to add to the quilt.
 - C. The last Community Conversation, "DIRT" is on June 14, 2018, WJMS, of this school year will be a video produced by the FBI on opiate addiction.
 - D. Officer Suchecki advised all present to be aware that houses that are for sale, and have an Open House, should make sure potential buyers are accompanied as they tour the house. Drugs have been reported missing after an Open House.
 - E. Last day of school program, "Summer Kickoff 2019" was discussed. Further discussion and planning will be on the September agenda.
 - F.
5. Old Business
 - A. Officer Suchecki advised there are no new drug drop boxes available. The boxes should be metal in order to be break proof.
 - B. April vacation trips were cancelled due to low enrollment.
 - C. Update on Recreational Marijuana Bill: Selectman Denise Mizla advised HB#5394, Recreational Marijuana, did pass the Appropriations Committee and is, therefore, on the House Docket this session, which ends May 9, 2018. Director Geato has asked members of The Advisory Board to be more active in regard to this issue.
 - D. Chairman Kathy Wonderly was unable to attend the Work Training Seminar.
 - E. Gizmo: The State of Connecticut has selected Colchester Youth Services to present a Health Awareness Program for two second grade classes.

6. Next agenda

- A. 2019 Summer Kick Off
- B. Update on Recreational Marijuana Bill

7. Adjourn: Kathy Wonderly motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm, seconded by Pam Scheibelein.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Scheibelein, Secretary