

**Newtown Youth and Family Services  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
August 24, 2015 – 6:30 PM  
15 Berkshire Rd. Sandy Hook, CT**

Members Present: Don Ramsey, William Chapman (Newtown PD), Gavin Arneith, Karen White, Jesse Rosenschein, Mackenzie Page, Kathy McCleary, Rick Child, Dean Pinto and Sheilah Krasnickas.

Members Not Present: Ashley Mele, Mel Kawakami, Susan Giglio, David Moseman, Kristin Connors, and Tom Murtha,

Staff Members Present: Candice Bohr

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Jesse Rosenschein.

**a) Roll Call-** The roll of the Board of Directors was taken by signing in and a quorum was established.

**b) Approval of February Minutes** –Gavin Arneith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Wallace and passed unanimously.

**2. Chairwoman's Report**

**a)** Jesse asked that we skip order and present 1 new Board Member for vote, Dean Pinto. Dean's bio was circulated via email by Personnel Committee. Don Ramsey made a motion to approve Dean and Gavin Arneith seconded and vote was passed unanimously. Dean was invited onto the Board and was asked to give a brief introduction. At the same time we welcomed our new liaison to the Newtown Police Department, Officer William Chapman.

**3. Executive Director's Report .**

**a)** Review of Building plan and grant status, November 20, 2015. Discussion on "if" NYFS does not receive OPM grant what are the next steps. Gavin Arneith made the motion to table the discussion until November. Jess Rosenschein seconded and vote passed unanimously.

**b)** Candice sought approval from Board to spend up to \$70k on Building plans (architect and land surveying). Gavin Arneith made the motion, Jim Wallace seconded and vote passed unanimously.

**c)**Candice will start to negotiate lease for building #13.

**d)**Discussion of developing a building committee, seeking volunteers.

**e)**Discussion on the DOJ funds ending in July 2016 and the impact that will have on our staff and clients.

**f)**Need volunteers for the NRR, we are almost even to last years numbers.

**g)**Need volunteers for the School Open Houses, sign up sheet going around.

**4. Finance and Treasurer's Report**

**a)** We are in a good place financially.

**5. Personnel Committee**

a) Glowing evaluations of staff!

**6. Fundraising Committee**

a) Karen has been the lead on the Breakfast with Matt. Breakfast invites were mailed this week and we still have a few available. Please submit addresses to Matt for additional invites.

**7. Strategic Planning**

a) No Report

**8. PQI**

a) No Report

**9. Nominating**

Moved to Chairwoman's Report

**10. Old Business**

a) No report

**11. New Business**

a) No Report

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

Don Ramsey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gavin Arneth and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held at Rock Ridge Country Club on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by,

Candice Bohr, Executive Director