

YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

March 13, 2008

ATTENDING: Members: Rebecca Haberman, Joan Clementi, Mary Maher, Eliot Isen and Carol Pettine. Youth Liaisons: Christina Doucette and Kelly Scholl.
Staff: June David-Fors.

Motion to open the meeting made by Mary Maher, 2nd by Joan Clementi.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2008 made by Joan Clementi, 2nd by Carol Pettine.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Personnel Update:** FYS is fully staffed. Karen is doing a great job. She works on Monday, Tuesday and will transition to another ½ day at the end of the week. Kathy Brumby began her employment as Office Assistant on January 28, 2008. Kathy is working 19 hours per week, Monday – Thursday 12:00 – 4:30 and Tuesday until 7:00. INC pays for about 4 hours a week of her time. Kathy has begun assisting with fuel assistance.
- **Budget Process:** First round – week or two later. June met with Barry. June is liaison to the Benevolent Fund which has a 3 member committee that decides requests. FYS looking for a one time \$50,000 to fund FYS with the condition that the Department stays in tack. Youth Commission has some reservations about this funding.
- **Program Updates:** Since January 17 June has 16 counseling cases, Karen has 15 cases and Emilia has 9 cases. For Karen 8 cases are new, 1 is closed and 2 are pending. For June 16 cases are ongoing, 1 is new, 1 is closed and 1 is pending. For Emilia 9 cases are ongoing. Case Management: June has 3 families, 1 closed and 3 consults. Becca would like to see the total number of all family members receiving help and case load hours.
- **Health and Wellness Committee:** John Cordere asked June and Karen to join the Committee. This Committee will build a plan to give employees opportunities to get involved in healthy activities.

- **Summer Plans:** June plans to use the summer to regroup and plan. Previous summer programs included a Support Group for Children with Asperser's, Social Skills Group and a Mentoring Program.

GRAND PROPOSALS

- **Metro West Community Health Care Foundation – Childhood Obesity Grant:** Childhood Obesity Grant was submitted today for \$20,000. June, Jamie Terry, Health Agent, Allie Lane, Recreation Director and Kathy Joubert, Town Planner worked together on this project. If funded, this will support a Consultant (\$5,000 – 10,000) who will be hired to conduct an assessment of the Town's strengths and weaknesses in regards to this area. The additional funds would be distributed to each Department involved. Additional grants will be available to apply for to assist in implementing programs that promote exercise, education and nutrition.
- **Northborough Free Library – Serving 'Tweens and Teens Targeted Grant:** Library staff asked June for letter of support for this grant. If awarded the Library will establish a website for youth that includes information and resources in Town, including a section for volunteer opportunities for youth.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Graduate Intern Program: Karen and I are reaching out to Colleges and Universities to recruit Graduate Interns to Field Placement for both Summer and Academic year Graduate Intern who could would work 10 hours during the summer and up to 20 hours when school starts.
- Mary Maher's term is up for Youth Commission Member and she decided not to return.
- On May 13 at 7:00 PM the ARHS Student Safety Network is sponsoring a Parent Forum at ARHS, entitled "Not My Kid." The presentation will include discussion of substance abuse and personal safety. Members of the Student Safety Network include FYS, the Health Office, SADD and the Home Safety Network.
- SADD group is going to Melican Middle School Health Classes to discuss making good decision.

Motion at adjourn made by Mary Maher, 2nd by Joan Clementi at 8:53 PM