

YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
May 17, 2007

ATTENDING: Members: Mary Maher, Rebecca Haberman, Carol Pettine and Pam Kane. Staff: June David-Fors

Motion to open the meeting made by Mary Maher, 2nd by Pam Kane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mary Maher, 2nd by Pam Kane.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 PM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Town Meeting Update

June gave an overview of Town Meeting. All went well.

B. Summary of Meeting w/other FYS Departments:

Met in May. It was helpful to hear what other towns are doing and get ideas. Will meet quarterly. Westwood, Bedford, Ashland, Westborough, Belmont and Greenfield.

C. Program Updates / FYS Activities

Counseling Services

- ⊗ 33 cases and 8 kids in high school group. 6 are new referrals. Lisa and June closed 2 each. Referral from Health Fair at ARHS. Continues to be busy. June has many young children/families and Lisa has children/adults.
- ⊗ Current Issues include grandparents raising grandchildren / substance abuse / suicidal ideation / domestic violence / single/divorced parents.

Training Update:

“Conducting Internal Discrimination Complaint Investigation”

June, Fire Chief and John Corderre all attending.

Public Relations – Newspaper Articles

Met with 3 reporters from MetroWest Daily News, Telegram & Gazette and Community Advocate. Articles were very positive. Discussed contacting media from time to time to get the word out if there is anything new that FYS is doing.

Fund Raising / Marketing

a. Applefest

Reserved a table for \$40. Discussed possible activities including face painting, games, and raffle. Would like teens to help run the table. June will email date of Applefest.

b. Outreach Letter / Brochure

June handed out revised brochure for review. Well done.

OTHER

Discussed Status of Office Assistant Vacancy

- ☼ John wanted to wait until INC news was public. INC met w/their Board. They are giving up Funcare space, gym, playground and van. Will only be using the office. Looking for a new amount to contribute due to now only using office space.
- ☼ Becca had discussion with John regarding Office Assistant position. No clear resolution. June will talk with John.
- ☼ Board is frustrated with lack of progress on this issue. Do we need to go to Selectmen on this? June asked us to wait until she had a chance to talk with John.

Intern

One intern was interviewed. Not a good fit.

Board Status

What does June need from the Board? Are we on track? Looking for feedback on how things are being done. Get feedback from clients that are terminated. June hears she has a “by the book” reputation. Board agreed this was a good thing.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm made by Pam Kane, 2nd by Mary Maher