

**YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2007**

**ATTENDING:** Members: Mary Maher, Pam Kane, Becca Haberman, Elliot Isen;  
Staff: June David-Fors; Youth Liaisons: Chrissy Doucette, Kelly Scholl, Tony Brossi

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** January 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm

**MINUTES APPROVED**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**a. Personnel Update:**

Offer was made to Karen Kazerian, LMHC for the part-time counselor position (19 hours). She accepted and will start November 27, 2007. Karen has a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and several years of experience. We received 8 resumes for this position.

Lisa Storey's last day of employment will be November 29, 2007.

Office Assistant position was advertised and we received 46 applicants, 8 are from Northborough with one internal candidate. Interviews will be scheduled.

June discussed goal of building up the Graduate Intern Pool. This year's intern, Emilia Sabatowska, from UMASS Boston continues to be very helpful.

**b. Program Update:**

Fuel Assistance Program is underway. The Application Process is very complex. Emilia and June are completing the applications in lieu of Office Assistant vacancy. We have received many calls and will be tracking them in addition to the number of completed applications. SMOC has final decision with potential assistance of up to \$740 per year per household. We will look into advertising through various venues.

FYS received a \$1000 grant from Crossroads Community Foundation to help families in crisis and children with special needs.

Introduced 3 new Youth Liaisons, Tony Brossi, Kelley Scholl and Chrissy Doucette. Mary spoke about their role and involvement. Have the students give us input and information as to what are some of the needs of the students. Chrissy asked if they should bring problems, ideas, potential solutions.

Counseling Cases: June has 18 active; Emilia has 7 active and she is providing a Stress Reduction Program at Algonquin Regional High School, Monday afternoons. Lisa closed 2 cases and is transferring 2 to the Middle School.

6 Cases on the Wait List

June discussed the idea of providing more group work to keep up with the demand for our service. "Cookies & Conversations" was discussed, Kelly said we can model it off of the Relay for Life Model

June discussed the needs with the middle school population as it relates to days off from school with some students getting into trouble. Talked about intramurals, finding out what youth at the middle school would like for activities during the early release days.

Tony will talk to the music teacher about engaging more students in music. Perhaps high school students mentoring/tutoring younger students through Tri-M (community service music program).

**Mary: motion to adjourn 8:05 pm**