

Youth Commission Minutes November 17, 2011

Attending: June David-Fors, Sylvia Pabreza, Becca Haberman, Chris Benested, Sandy Scott, Joan Clementi, Lori Mott, Pamela Naab. Youth Liaisons: Ellen Yang, Holly Bisset

A motion to open the meeting was made by Becca Haberman and seconded by Joan Clementi at 7:03 pm.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held Thursday January 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 2011 meeting with the following changes: deleting Suhayla Islam and adding Holly Bisset to the attendance list, correcting Holly's last name to 'Bisset' and noting the correct spelling of Pamela Naab, was made by Becca Haberman and seconded by Joan Clementi. A motion to approve the October 2011 minutes was made by Sandy Scott and seconded by Chris Benested. Both were approved.

Director's Report:

- Pamela has increased her case load to 8 families. She commented that she feels her work in the schools has been very positive. She noted the inter-connectedness of the schools and the community at large.
- There is not a wait list for counseling services at present. June noted that case loads tend to increase in September and October, stay steady through the holidays as families are busy, and then pick up again right after the holidays.
- Fuel Assistance budgets are down as federal funds have been decreased.
- June has noticed an increase in consultations from NEDP and Recreation who are looking for support regarding students with special behavioral and social needs.
- NEDP is required to provide IEP accommodations as their program is in the schools.
- The Childhood Obesity initiative is going strong. All four schools are doing the Take 10 Program. It was asked if there are similar programs available for middle school and high school students. We are in the last year of this three year grant.
- Sue Whitten, Principal at Zeh School, was awarded a Safe Routes to School grant to assess what is needed to create better ways for kids to walk and bike to school.
- This Saturday, Helping Hands and Food Pantry will be distributing food baskets for Thanksgiving. Seventy-five families and senior citizens are taking part.
- NFYS staff has observed the RISE program at ARHS. At this time, a Southborough YFS clinician and intern is providing a group at the program. NFYS is not currently providing services but may do so in the future.
- Transitional Family Update: two sets of clergy in town will prepare Thanksgiving dinner for families residing in local hotels. There are limited options for families in the local area other than the possibility of the Bishop's Dinner in Worcester.

Other Business:

- Student news: College acceptance letters are starting to arrive.
- The Town provided a shelter during the storm at the Senior Center. Town employees volunteered to staff the program

Motion to adjourn was made by Sylvia Pabreza at 8:00 p.m. and seconded by Joan Clementi.