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Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Meeting

Meeting Date: February 3, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Location: Wayland Town Building

YAC Members Present: Ms. Sarah Greenaway (Chair), Ms. Brenda Ross, Dr. Malcolm Astley, Det. Tyler Castagno, Ms. Lisa Raftery

Also Present: Youth Officer Shane Bowles, Dr. Lynn Dowd, Dr. Dossie Kahn, Mr. Jason Verhoosky

Not Present: Reverend Theodore F. Crass, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Marlene Dodyk

Agenda (prepared by Dr. Dowd)

1. Welcome / Hearts and Minds
2. Minutes from 1/6/17
3. Special Topics
 - Update: Town Meeting article proposing marijuana retail establishment moratorium
 - Potential restructuring of job descriptions
 - Topics for future meetings
4. Board Updates
 - Reporting in from the community
5. Staff Updates
 - Referrals/counseling services
 - Prevention programming
6. Other items
7. Public comment
8. Confirm next meeting date and time

The meeting was brought to order by Sarah Greenaway.

1. Welcome
 - Dr. Astley mentioned that he had brought some additional items that would be mentioned under Reporting in from the community
2. Minutes from 1/6/17
 - a. Dr. Astley asked if anyone present had attended the Public Records Law training. Dr. Dowd noted that she had gone to training previously. Ms. Ross mentioned that she had a summary that she would share with the group. (Action item?)
 - b. The minutes from 1/6/2017 were reviewed and accepted.
3. Special Topics
 - a. Article on recreational marijuana establishments moratorium
 - YAC representatives attended a Board of Health Meeting regarding the moratorium. The Board of Health voted unanimously, 4 – 0, to support the moratorium article.

- Mr. Verhoosky, Dr. Dowd and Ms. Ross will be attending a Planning Board Meeting on 2/7 for a hearing on the moratorium article.
 - At a Finance Committee meeting on 1/27/17 on proposed Town Meeting warrant articles, the FinCom's advice was to narrow the focus of the article to simply extending the implementation date as a way to gather data and inform the town using neighboring towns' experiences.
 - Dr. Dowd will circulate draft changes to the bylaw. (Action item?)
 - Mr. Verhoosky attended a meeting on an analysis of the state's marijuana law and recommendations on what actions are permissible.
 - An "opt-out" referendum or a moratorium are viewed as Wayland's best options, since the law does not permit much flexibility at the community level.
 - The potential is for five marijuana stores in Wayland (20% of the number of liquor licenses).
 - Wayland's immediate neighbors are not taking any apparent actions.
 - The state's marijuana law is based on the current regulation of alcohol.
 - Wayland is looking to integrate the marijuana law with the social hosting law.
 - Marijuana is exempt from any farm-benefit laws. It does not qualify as agricultural crop.
 - Any potential referendum must be a ballot question.
 - Any derivative manufacturing is completely illegal.
 - Ms. Ross asked whether the town had a plan for educating the community.
 - Mr. Verhoosky is planning to provide some education regarding what law will allow. The perspective will be from the prevention standpoint.
 - More of a push and more applicable data is to be disseminated when a referendum is proposed.
 - The purpose of a moratorium is simply to pause and allow information gathering, in order to permit an informed decision.
 - Dr. Dowd noted that the Selectmen decide what articles can go into the Warrant for town meeting. They have not yet decided on this one.
- b. Potential Restructuring of Job Descriptions
- As announced previously, Dr. Dowd will be retiring. Dr. Kahn and Mr. Verhoosky have proposed changes to the staffing structure for Youth and Family Services.
 - Mr. Verhoosky circulated a draft of proposed changes and how they would be financed and then provided an overview of the proposed restructuring.
 - The Director's position would no longer require clinical duties or licensing. Clinical obligations would be replaced with prevention specialist obligations. The restructured Director's purview would be administration, prevention and coordination.

- A .6 FTE clinical position would be developed to provide clinical services.
- Benefits of the proposed restructuring:
 - a) No additional funding is required.
 - b) The proposed restructuring provides sustainability for the prevention function by removing reliance on grant funding.
Per Dr. Kahn: Core services would be town-funded rather than grant funded.
 - c) Dr. Dowd noted that prevention is cheaper than intervention.
- Mr. Verhoosky expressed his interest in the Director position that Dr. Dowd will be vacating. He noted that by removing the clinical and licensing component from the Director position, he would be able to apply for it.
- Ms. Ross asked about the impact on WaylandCares. Mr. Verhoosky indicated that he would continue to devote time to Wayland Cares if he became the Director.
- Detective Castagno said that Wayland could achieve considerable cost savings if an outside search for a replacement Director could be avoided.
- Dr. Dowd noted that she had mentioned restructuring to Wayland's Human Resources Director, John Senchyshyn, and that he had asked that the YAC submit a proposal.
Dr. Dowd thought that the proposal should include Mr. Verhoosky's write-up to explain the financials.
- Ms. Ross noted that the proposal should include the benefits of restructuring: Hiring savings, supported by YAC members, continuity of prevention initiatives, maintenance of clinical coverage, no additional costs.
- Ms. Greenaway presented the motion: The YAC is proposing a restructuring of the Youth and Family Services Department and has agreed to submit a staff restructuring proposal to John Senchyshyn, Wayland's Director of Human Resources.

Second: Ms. Ross

The motion passed unanimously 4 - 0.

(Action item?)

- c. Topics for future meetings – none suggested.
3. Board Updates
 - a. Reporting in from the community.
Dr. Astley:
 - Tuesday, 2/7/2017 at 3 PM: Escalation Facilitator Training
Location: Wayland Public Safety Building
 - Wednesday, 3/1/2017 from 1 PM - 4 PM: White Ribbon Effort
Location: Faneuil Hall
 - Tuesday, 3/14/2017 at 3 PM: White Ribbon Ceremony of commitment
Location: Wayland Public Safety Building
 4. Staff Updates
 - a. Referrals/counseling services – no updates.
 - b. Prevention programming – no updates.
 5. Other items – none suggested.
 6. Public comment – none offered.
 7. Confirm next meeting dates and times
Friday, March 3rd at 9 AM
Friday, March 31 at 9 AM
No meeting in April
Friday, May 5 at 9 AM
Friday, June 2 at 9 AM

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Debbie Nanni, Ph.D.