

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Meeting

Meeting Date: March 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, Ms. Corrie Dretler

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

Not Present: Reverend Theodore F. Crass, Marlene Dodyk

Agenda

1. Welcome / Hearts and Minds
2. Minutes from 2/3/17
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. Semi-annual statistics
7. Other items
8. Public comment
9. Confirm next meeting date and time

The meeting was brought to order by Sarah Greenaway.

1. Welcome
 - Dr. Astley described recent and upcoming activities surrounding the White Ribbon Ceremony.
2. Minutes from 2/3/17
 - a. The minutes from 2/3/2017 were reviewed and accepted.
3. Special Topics
 - a. Article on recreational marijuana establishments moratorium
 - The article was submitted by the deadline following Planning Board collaboration. Members of the YAC reviewed the submitted article.
 - Next steps will involve research and education to develop best practices on the local level following state commission's establishment of regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to focus at all on opt-in/opt-out. Ms. Ross advocated the avoidance of appearance of bias. Ms. Dretler encouraged a “learn more” approach. More enforcement of prohibition may occur on the national level.

- Some towns are in a bind due to already having a medical marijuana dispensary, which may be able to convert to a retail facility if licensed by 6/30/17.
- Preparation for Town Meeting: Development of a Frequently Asked Questions handout, and possibility for Mr. Verhoosky to speak if needed. Main message to the Town Meeting is that we don’t know enough and need more time. YAC members and staff asked to submit FAQ questions.
- Ms. Greenaway will present the article at the meeting called by the League of Women Voters on 3/9. Dr. Dowd and Mr. Verhoosky will attend with her.
- Discussion ensued on how to get the information out to the public. Various mailing lists were mentioned, although Det. Castagno pointed out that many Town Meeting voters may not be served by the distribution lists that focus on school aged families. Mr. Sarkisian, Wayland Town Planner, advocated with The Weekly Buzz for a spot to explain the article.

b. Potential Restructuring of Job Descriptions

- Ms. Greenaway and Dr. Dowd will attend the meeting of the Personnel Committee on 3/6/17 to make a presentation on the proposed restructuring of the department.
- Dr. Astley raised the question of whether there is a conflict of interest in Mr. Verhoosky being present during the discussion of the restructuring, given his interest in the upcoming vacancy of the Director position.

c. Topics for future meetings – none suggested.

3. Board Updates

a. Reporting in from the community.

- Dr. Astley said there will be additional screenings of Escalation, and will pass on the dates and locations.
- A discussion ensued about the changes in transportation and use of breathalyzer to screen junior prom attendees. Attempts to minimize substance use before, during, and after the Prom prior to Late Night were discussed.

4. Staff Updates

a. Referrals/counseling services – no updates. The High School Community Service Awards Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm in the High School Main Stage.

b. Prevention programming – Mr. Verhoosky described upcoming activities including community education about the social host law, a mock car crash, and the summer Empower Youth Leadership Program last week of June and first week of August). In

addition, staff and some students will be attending Youth to Youth trainings in April and July.

5. Other items – none suggested.
6. Public comment – none offered.
7. Confirm next meeting dates and times

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 10:40 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lynn Dowd, Psy.D.