

Draft Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Meeting

Meeting Date: May 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Location: Wayland Town Building

YAC Members Present: Ms. Sarah Greenaway (Chair), Dr. Malcolm Astley, Det. Tyler Castagno, Reverend Theodore F. Crass, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Ms. Lisa Raftery, Ms. Brenda Ross

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd, Dr. Dossie Kahn, Mr. Jason Verhoosky, Ms. Jane Purser

Not Present: Ms. Marlene Dodyk

1. Call the meeting to order/welcome/round table/hearts and minds.
 - Ms. Greenaway called the meeting to order.
 - Reverend Crass announced that on Sunday, May 21, at 1 PM in the Town Building Courtyard, seeds will be distributed for planting.

2. Attendees were asked to approve the minutes from prior meetings.
 - Minutes from 3/31/17: Dr. Dowd asked that the minutes be amended with information about Mr. Verhoosky's slide show on the proposed recreational marijuana moratorium. Reverend Crass moved to accept minutes with the requested addition. The 3/31/17 minutes were accepted.
 - Minutes from 4/7/17: Dr. Dowd noted that this was an off-schedule meeting. Reverend Crass moved to accept the minutes as written. The 4/7/17 minutes were accepted.

3. Special Topics.
 - Proposed recreational marijuana moratorium update.
 - The Town Crier will be publishing Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") on a future potential recreational marijuana moratorium. The FAQ's will also be posted on the Wayland Cares Facebook page. YAC members are encouraged to "Like" the Wayland Cares page. The FAQs will also be posted as a blog post on the Wayland Cares web site.
 - Dr. Dowd said that the Wayland Planning Board will be asked by Sarkis Sarkisian, the Town Planner, to sponsor a potential future moratorium article for town meeting.
 - Mr. Verhoosky mentioned that other towns have voted for opting-out of having retail establishments or are passing moratoriums. He noted, however, that any existing medical dispensaries in the state are permitted to convert to recreational facilities.
 - Ms. Greenaway asked whether information was available regarding actions taken by other towns. Mr. Verhoosky said that he has been maintaining a list of towns that have passed a moratorium on retail recreational marijuana

establishments or have chosen to opt-out. He will circulate the list it to the group. Based on his research, only Holyoke is an active proponent of having retail recreational marijuana.

- Ms. Purser read from a list of towns that have opted out. 60-70 towns across the state have opted out.
 - Officer Tyler expects that in the near term, pressure will be applied to towns to open businesses and prevent future opt-outs.
 - Ms. Dretler noted that large tobacco companies are strongly in favor of towns having recreational marijuana outlets.
 - Mr. Verhoosky said that he plans to provide background education so that voters truly understand all aspects of what they're voting on, should future moratorium articles be presented at town meeting.
 - Ms. Ross and Officer Tyler noted that it's important to provide data from multiple perspectives in order to make clear the potential impact of retail marijuana establishments could have on local business, law enforcement, taxes, security and other areas.
 - Mr. Verhoosky emphasized the importance of finding a compelling way to present this issue to those who oppose either a moratorium or opting out. There was general agreement that the issue needs to be kept in the public eye.
 - Reverend Crass and Dr. Kahn expressed concerns about finding the best way to achieve the largest impact and also to ensure that the Planning Board has the information it needs to best structure any contemplated article appropriately.
 - Dr. Kahn suggested that a group of residents may wish to form a residents' group or task force that would adopt a position in favor of a moratorium or in favor of opting-out and actively advocate for a town meeting article in support of that position.
 - Ms. Purser mentioned that other towns have developed marketing materials and are happy to share them.
 - Officer Tyler said that he is planning to write something brief for the Editor of the Town Crier in response to an article that appeared on the subject. He will be sending his write-up to Ms. Greenaway. Officer Tyler also said that he plans to write something on subject to the Wayland Children and Parents Association.
 - Reverend Crass noted that it would be beneficial to continue getting out the message regarding marijuana's impact on brain development.
 - Ms. Greenaway noted that she plans to obtain a quote from a pediatrician to submit for the next Town Crier article.
- Department reorganization update

Ethics Question

- Ms. Greenaway announced that Mr. Verhoosky will no longer be present when department restructuring and an anticipated Youth and Family Services vacancy are discussed by YAC.
 - Since restructuring and staffing could potentially affect Ms. Purser, Dr. Astley suggested that she might recuse herself during such discussions as well. Ms. Purser agreed that leaving would be appropriate.
 - Before leaving the meeting in advance of any further discussion of the expected Youth and Family Services position vacancy and proposed restructuring, Mr. Verhoosky spoke to the group about a meeting he'd had with John Senchyshyn, Wayland's HR Director. Mr. Verhoosky felt that the meeting went well. He said it covered his interest in the anticipated vacancy, Mr. Senchyshyn's concerns about the secure handling of counselling information and HIPAA, and Mr. Verhoosky's past experience working in a similar environment. A decision regarding a replacement for the position to be left vacant by Dr. Dowd's impending retirement is projected for July.
 - Per Dr. Dowd, a primary concern of the Personnel Committee relates to maintaining the confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Health Information ("PHI") under HIPAA.
 - Per Dr. Kahn, in the proposed restructuring, Dr. Kahn and a new clinical hire would be responsible for all of the clinical service delivery and supervision. Non-licensed individuals such as Mr. Verhoosky would not be involved with the content of the clinical part of the program at all.
 - Per Dr. Kahn and Ms. Greenaway, protocols are already in place for the clinical parts of the program. As such, license requirements will continue to be adhered to in the same way that they always have been.
 - Regarding grant-funded positions such as Ms. Purser's position in Wayland Cares, per Reverend Crass, either the town will take over responsibility for funding that position or Wayland Cares will apply for another grant.
 - Dr. Astley noted that if the proposed restructuring of Family and Youth Services occurs, the organization will have adopted a 3-pronged model to achieve its objectives: (a) Prevention, (b) Identification of those at Risk, and (c) Intervention and Treatment
 - Ms. Greenaway proposed that YAC vote on whether Youth and Family Services should be restructured to be consistent with 3-pronged model for service provision: (a) Prevention, (b) Identification of those at Risk, and (c) Intervention and Treatment. A vote was taken. Of those present, seven were in favor; none were opposed.
- Approval for use of volunteers in the department
 - Dr. Dowd noted that her current plan is to retire as of 7/18/2017. Post-

retirement, she'd like to continue seeing certain clients on a volunteer basis. Mr. Senschyshen, Wayland's HR Director, advised Dr. Dowd that the group must approve use of volunteers in the department.

- Since there wasn't sufficient meeting time remaining, discussion of this item was deferred to a future meeting.

4. Staff Updates

- Friends of WYFS: Rachel Rice presentation:
"Stress and Anxiety Reduction Workshop"
Monday, May 8, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Wayland Middle School

5. Other items?

- Dr. Astley noted that The League of Women Voters of Wayland is presenting:
Fixing Our Broken Democracy
Thu, May 11, 2017
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wayland Senior Center, Wayland Town Building
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778

6. Confirm next meeting date and time

- Next meeting: Friday, June 2, 2017 at 9:00 AM

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Nanni, Ph.D.