

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting,  
January 10, 2014

Members Present: Detective Ruth Backman, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Ms. Sarah Greenaway, Mr. Joe Karbowski (chair), Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd, Dr. Dossie Kahn, Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Ms. Betsy Meindl, Ms. Dianne Bladon

Minutes of 12/06/13 reviewed and accepted.

Staff updates: New referrals increasing, 3 WPD and 1 WHS diversion case continuing, WYFS statistics distributed for review at next meeting.

Board Visited by Ms. Bladon and Ms. Meindl

- Ms. Bladon outlined her efforts in collaboration with other concerned citizens, to present a petitioner's article for Spring Town Meeting 2014, recommending town funding for professional substance abuse prevention in Wayland designed to maintain benefits formerly provided by WaylandCares through the now-expired DFC grant. She proposed an organizational structure expanding the capacity of WYFS prevention services, by including a prevention specialist and added administrative support within the structure of our department.
- The proposed structure of the prevention program would involve ongoing collaboration with the community, including consultation and collaboration with the executive committee of Wayland Cares. That committee includes the Director and Assistant Director of Youth and Family Services, Superintendent of Schools, Chief of Police, Director of Health Department as well as other school personnel and community members.
- Ms. Bladon expressed interest in collaborating with WYFS staff and the YAC to develop an article to present to Town Meeting that all involved believe would benefit the town by promoting health and reducing substance abuse among youth. WYFS would maintain the combination of prevention and intervention services currently offered with expanded capacity.

Board Updates and Discussion

- Ms. Seidman moved to support WYFS collaboration on developing a petitioner's article to propose continuing youth substance abuse prevention work that has been provided by Wayland Cares under the now-expired DFC grant. This motion was made with the committee's understanding that the petitioner's article will be withdrawn if consensus is not reached between the petitioners, WYFS Director, and YAC on any aspect in the final article to be presented. Ms. Dretler seconded that motion. YAC unanimously approved the motion.

Future YAC meetings: 02/07/14, 03/07/14, 04/04/14, 05/02/14, 06/06/14, all meetings held in small School Department 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, Town Building, 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dossie F. Kahn, Psy.D.