

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting,
February 02, 2014

Members Present: Ms. Corrie Dretler, Ms. Sarah Greenaway, Mr. Joe Karbowski (chair), Ms. Deborah Seidman, Ms. Jane Purser

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd (by phone), Dr. Dossie Kahn, Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Ms. Betsy Meindl, Ms. Dianne Bladon, Ms. Molly Upton

Minutes of 01/10/15 reviewed and accepted.

Staff updates: Deferred

Board Visited by Ms. Bladon and Ms. Meindl

- Ms. Bladon presented work to date in development of Petitioners article to fund Youth Substance Abuse Prevention.
- Ms. Bladon presented the Personnel Approach and Budget documents to the YAC. These were developed through consultation and collaboration with Ms. Meindl, Dr. Dowd, Dr. Kahn and Mr. John Senchyshyn.

Discussion

- Ms. Seidman raised questions regarding the potential impact of adding a new position to the department.
- Dr. Dowd and Dr. Kahn expressed their support of working with added staffing to expand and maintain the prevention mission of the department.
- Dr. Dodyk noted that given Wayland cares loss of funding and the present absence of professional substance abuse prevention coordination in the town, this would be particularly valuable.
- YAC members all expressed interest in involvement in community forum discussions prior to town meeting.
- Consensus was voiced that weekday evening meeting times (excluding Mondays) would afford the greatest opportunity for participation in community forums.

Vote

- Ms. Dretler moved to support the Budget and Personnel documents presented by Ms. Bladon in development of the Article to Fund Youth Substance Abuse Prevention. Mr. Karbowski seconded. Yes votes: Dretler, Greenaway, Karbowski and Purser. No vote: Seidman.

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

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