

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting,
December 6, 2013

Members Present: Ms. Ruth Backman, Ms. Corrie Dretler, Ms. Sarah Greenaway, Ms. Jane Purser,
Mr. Joe Karbowski, Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd, Dr. Dossie Kahn, Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Dr. Katie Lee,
Ms. Shirley Jacobson

Minutes of 11/01/13 reviewed and accepted.

Presentation by Wayland Cares Review Committee members Dr. Lee and Ms. Jacobson:

- Dr. Lee and Ms. Jacobson described the Wayland Cares Review Committee process up to this point and their plan to present a report to the Board of Selectmen by January 1. They reported that an initial draft report submitted by their committee chair did not accurately reflect their views and that three of the five committee members could not sign or endorse it.
- Dr. Lee and Ms. Jacobson informed us that they plan to recommend that Wayland Cares be “housed” in Wayland Youth and Family services, and that while their committee had disagreed on the content of the draft report all five members had been in agreement on this point.
- Dr. Lee and Ms. Jacobson asked the YAC to consider how Wayland Cares might be included in our department if we were given additional funding to increase staff.

Board Updates and Discussion

- Board members will continue to look for ways to increase youth input in YAC
- Wayland Cares review process discussed in light of presentation by Review Committee members and their interest in having YAC consider how prevention and wellness services might be expanded by WYFS if our program were budgeted for increased staffing.
- The following items were continued for discussion in future meetings as time did not allow today: YRBS survey results, staff updates including recent increase in referrals and diversion caseload, request for 2 hour per week increase in clerical support, upcoming programming, and request for software update, and update on budget.

Future YAC meetings: 01/10/14, 02/07/14, 03/07/14, 04/04/14, 05/02/14, 06/06/14; all meetings held in small School Department conference room WTB at 8:45 AM.

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