

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting,
September 7, 2012

Members Present: Ms. Deborah Seidman, Mr. Jim Forti, Ms. Jane Purser, Mr. Joe Karbowski,
Deacon Geoff Higgins, Ms. Corrie Dretler

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

Ms. Corrie Dretler was welcomed as representative appointed by the School Committee to the YAC.

Minutes of 06/15/12 reviewed and approved

Staff Updates

- Continuing cases, former clients are reconnecting, as new referrals begin to come from school guidance counselors.
- WPD referred diversion work continues from late spring and early summer referrals; no new incidents referred.
- WYFS clinical and staff utilization statistics for Q1-Q4 presented and reviewed.
- Budget process raised by Fin Com for FY13 requires description possible cost reductions for all departments.
- Summer High School community service program was very active under leadership of Ms. Amy Schoeff WHS school nurse. She has let us know she does not plan to coordinate the program next summer. Her excellent leadership will be greatly missed.

Board Updates

- Board membership is now complete with the addition of Ms. Dretler, Deacon Higgins and the continuing chairmanship of Mr. Jim Forti.
- Wayland Cares Sustainability Committee has not provided updates on progress.

Discussion

- Review of past year and planning for the coming year included reflections on WYFS active response to community needs as well as planning and participation in 2012 Wellness Summit in collaboration with Friends of WYFS, Wayland Cares, and Wayland Public Schools.
- Planning ideas shared: increased outreach to youth ministers in town, facilitating multifamily gatherings in homes on topics of concern, World café style topical gatherings, increasing community awareness of our programming through WYFS blurbs in local media.

Next meetings: October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th, 8:45 a.m. small conference room, 2nd floor.

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