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Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 16, 2011

Members Present: Detective Ruth Backman, Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Mr. Jim Forti, Ms. Jane Purser,  
Mr. Joe Karbowski, Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd

Minutes from 11/10/11 were reviewed and amended

Staff Updates

- New referrals arrive steadily, and continuing clinical work continues at a busy pace.
- The Diversion program has several active cases and another new referral coming from the High School.
- Friends of WYFS programming: Jane Purser has been involved with The Children's Way in surveying TCW parents about programming. There is interest in screening Race to Nowhere this winter, targeting preschool and kindergarten parents, and there was some discussion about how to cover the cost.
- Collaboration between Friends, WYFS staff, WaylandCares and Wayland Public Schools, on Wellness Summit for 03/18/11 continues. Publicity will begin in January.
- Parent Coffees/Conversations that Count: Dossie and Deborah Seidman are working on an event to focus on helping parents manage electronic media. Publicity, recruitment, and the need for research data in this area were discussed.
- Senior Parent Seminar has met 4 times and will meet at least once more in January.
- Data was presented on cases that closed in FY2011 detailing for each case: number of sessions and number of months the case was open. Averages were consistent with counseling research.

Budget/Town Meeting process

- FY13 budget was submitted. A hearing before the Finance Committee will be scheduled in January.
- Wording for a Town Meeting article is due in final form on 1/17/12. Drafts for two articles, one addressing the main bylaw requiring residency for members of boards and committees, and one amending the bylaw specifying membership of the YAC, were reviewed. It was decided to submit the former for the warrant, and to hold the other in the event the first article fails.

Board Updates

- Mr. Forti gave an update on a proposal that will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, as recommended by Fred Turkington, to appoint a committee to determine how to continue the work of WaylandCares if no further grant money is available after 6/30/13.
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Meetings for the remainder of the school year are as follows, all at 8:45 a.m.: 1/13, 2/17, 3/23, 4/27, 5/18, 6/15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Dowd, Psy.D.