

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

September 9, 2011

Members Present: Detective Ruth Backman, Mr. Jim Forti, Ms. Jane Purser, Mr. Joe Karbowski, Rabbi Greg Litcofsky, Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd, Dr. Dossie Kahn

Minutes of 06/17/11 meeting reviewed; not approved due to lack of quorum

Introduction

- New member Jane Purser appointed by School Committee was welcomed and introduced to committee members

Staff Updates

- Summer events/ response: Committee members and Staff discussed range of issues in community involving grieving and violence prevention including tensions involved when both needs are attempted. Potential new programming was discussed involving small discussion groups in both homes and houses of worship.
- Summer Community Service: very successful program led by Ms. Amy Schoeff
- Both review of summer service statistics and Diversion Program were deferred to the October meeting

Board Updates

- Prior to this meeting Town Counsel advised Dr. Dowd that membership of non-residents on committee is not permitted. Alternatives for an article to allow membership of non-resident clergy, school and police personnel (because of connection to community and expertise) including ex-officio membership (non-voting) or an exception allowing full membership were explored. Rabbi Litcofsky requested that the Counsel draft language for YAC to review.
- Rabbi Litcofsky agreed to offer a column to the Town Crier including a message regarding grief, ritual and healing in community.
- Fall meeting schedule: 09/09/11 8:45am, 10/14/11 8:45am, 11/10/11 8:45am, 12/09/11 8:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Dossie F. Kahn, Psy.D.

