



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

YSB Advisory Minutes
April 9, 2013
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Kathy McNamara, YSB Social Worker
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Eileen Griffin, LCSW Resident
Stephen King, State Trooper
Steven Martin, Graduate Social Work Intern
Genevieve Rigler, E.O.Smith High School Student
Chuck Leavens, E O Smith Counselor
Kevin Grunwald, Human Services Director
Frank Perrotti, Assistant Chair, Resident
Candace Morell, MMS Vice Principal
Marie Capriola, Assistant Town Manager
Deputy Antonia Moran, Deputy Mayor

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM by Ethel Mantzaris.

II. Approval of minutes

- March 12, 2013 minutes were approved.

III. Reports

- Deputy Mayor – Deputy Antonia Moran
 - Explained the impact of the Governor’s Budget on Mansfield
- Assistant Town Manager - Marie Capriola
 - Memorandum distributed to members
 - Staff vacancies presented
- Director’s Report – Kevin Grunwald

- Director's Report was distributed

- Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak

Grief Matters: 15 families completed the four week session. This program would not be successful without the volunteers' efforts, and the families were very appreciative of their time. Several group participants have asked if the group could somehow stay in touch and continue to meet. We will be meeting with our volunteers to explore possibilities for continuing involvement of participants.

Community Out- Reach: Community Outreach has been great with supplying us with wonderful volunteers. We are in the process of picking group leaders for next year and meeting with new volunteers.

Grandparent's Raising Grandchildren: The grandparents are planning to have Ruth Freeman, LCSW a parent education from Positive Parenting, speak to the group during a future meeting.

Cope: Cope has expanded in one of our schools to include students in need of learning social skills. Fortunately due to a higher number of volunteers in that school we were able to accommodate the need.

Boys Group: The group has focused on what it means and how to be honest and trustworthy while helping to build strong social skills. They succeeded in doing so through group activities, role playing, and group discussion. The boy's group had their last meeting in April.

Ending Apathy: Chloe Levin, E.O. Smith senior, did her final project by recruiting volunteers through our agency for an E.O. Smith event titled Ending Apathy. The event included guest speakers discussing human rights issues.

Crisis Intervention: A child participant in Cope has suffered the loss of a parent in a tragic car accident. YSB has reached out to the family last week and is continuing to assist them.

Joy: We continue to provide families tickets to shows that take place at the Jorgenson at Uconn. In March, tickets were provided to "The Little Prince," Kodo Drummers, and the Russian National Ballet "Sleeping Beauty."

MFG: Multi-Family Group, we have resolved the issues of the pharmacist students. They have made accommodations to their schedules so that they can attend, but will be attending late. In the meantime, we have a student who is taking notes until they arrive.

IV. Old Business - none

V. New Business

Matt Hart, Marie Capriola and Deputy Antonia Moran will join the next Advisory Board Meeting to answer:

1. What do you see as the primary human services needs of the constituencies you serve?
2. What resources do you think the Town needs to provide to meet these human service's needs?
3. Does your constituency have human services needs which are not being met? If so, what are they and how do you think they do or do not fit into the mission of a municipal human services department?

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. May 14, 2013 is the next meeting.