



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

YSB Advisory Minutes
October, 14th 2014
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Kate Bohannon, YSB Social Worker
Stephen King, State Trooper
Makayla Lamson, E.O Smith Student Representative
Larry Barlow, MMS Assistant Principal
Frank Perrotti- Resident
Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services
Eileen Griffin, LCSW

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM by Ethel Mantzaris.

II. Approval of minutes

- 9/9/14

III. Reports

- Director's Report – Patricia Schneider
 - Pat reported that Youth Services and Human Services as a whole continues to be busy serving the needs of Mansfield communities.
 - Budget passed, all new staff positions have been filled.
- Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak
 - **Positive Discipline for Young Children**: YSB is hosting a workshop on positive discipline next week at Goodwin Elementary school open to all parents and childcare provided. The workshop is being led by Ruth Freeman,

- **2-1-1 Crisis Informational session**: Staff participated in an EMPS is an intervention service for children and youth in crisis. The informational session was run in conjunction with middle school support staff.
 - **Holiday Programs**: YSB staff is assisting with the review of applications and customizing wish lists for donors.
 - **BSW Intern**: Madison McNally, our senior BSW student from Eastern, began her internship with us on September 8th. She is with us for 18 hours a week and has been a great addition to the YSB team.
 - **Court**: YSB Staff was subpoenaed to a child custody case. The town provided legal support.
 - **Open Houses**: YSB staff attended open houses at the four Mansfield schools to raise awareness of programming and projects.
 - **Training**: Sara Anderson attended the training, “Let’s Talk About Race”, to help enhance her ability to engage a racially diverse community with cultural sensitivity and skill.
 - **PTO/A**: YSB staff met with met with PTO/A presidents and Rachel Leclerc to discuss ways Youth Services and the PTO/A can collaborate to help meet the needs of Mansfield families.
 - **Graustein Memorial Fund**: Early Childhood Services was awarded an additional \$10,000 from the Graustein Memorial Fund to improve the communications infrastructure of Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC).
- Teen Center Update- Jared Redmond
 - Unable to attend – no school today and Jared is running programs for students.

IV. Old Business:

- Integration of Early childhood Services into Youth Services
 - YSB staff continues to develop ways in which Early Childhood Services and Youth Services can collaborate to help identify and support families in need from birth through early adolescence.
- Southeast School Psychologist position support
 - Southeast hired a new psychologist and YSB is assisting in the transition process.

V. New Business:

- Review and approval of Advisory Board accomplishments and plans for 2013-2014
- Academic Year Programs
 - COPE and Big Friends have both started for the 2014-2015 academic year. Sixty-five children are enrolled in the Cope program as well as 17 in the Big Friends program. YSB’s relationship with UCONN’s Community Outreach office

continues to expand and currently there are 51 UCONN student's volunteering in YSB programs.

VI. Other:

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:45. December 9th, 2014 is the next meeting.