

MINUTES

Present: Sarah DeLuca, Jessica St. Louis, Madalena DuBaldo, Omar Rosario, Ethel Mantzaris, Ruthie Toth, Debra Hultgren, Danielle Vliet

Virtual: Lisa Girard, Megan Erdman

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Ethel Manzaris at 12:04pm

II. Introductions

III. Approval of minutes: September 2025

- Minutes approved by consensus

IV. Reports

- Youth Services Report – Sarah DeLuca

-Sarah provided an update on Youth Services programming and Sarah and Maddie, Youth Services Prevention Specialist's, recent attendance at CADCA conference in early February.

- Human Services Report – Jessica St. Louis

-Jessica provided an update on Human Services programming and reported an increase in families using the food pantry in Human Services over the past few weeks.

- Sector reports

-Lisa reported that E.O. students are reporting to her that they don't have access to feminine hygiene products and don't feel comfortable going to the nurse to ask for them. There is also a number of people who may need these products for home use too. A discussion was held about how to provide free access to these in the bathrooms themselves. Danielle reported there are dispensers in the MMS bathrooms, which seems to be working well there.

-Omar and Debra reported on the 9th grade health curriculum at E.O. Smith, which includes prevention curriculum, including dangers of vaping. They reported this curriculum is presented to all 9th graders and covers a broad range of topics.

-Ruthie reported that she is seeing vaping still happening in the bathrooms and in other locations around the school and in town, despite the mitigating efforts put in the place by E.O. with vape detectors and limiting bathroom access to the bathroom closest to where students are in their classes.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Local Prevention Council: There was a discussion about splitting out the Local Prevention Council from the YSAB meeting and creating a separate Council.

- There was a discussion about next meeting being Ethel's last meeting and Debra offered to step up as interim chair of the board. The board will need to search for a new chair and parent member.
- There was a discussion about forming a Teen Action Council or Youth Coalition to target issues in the community such as vaping in public spaces and having peers help their peers to be able to cope without using substances.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public comment received

IX. Adjournment

- Meeting called to close by Ethel Manzaris at 12:53pm

Next scheduled meeting: March 10, 2026 at 12pm – Hybrid Meeting