

Minutes

Topic: May YSAB Meeting

Time: May 9, 2023 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Present:

Ethel Mantzaris
Debra Hultgren
Laura Wright
Lisa Girard
Ashley Fillian
Danielle Vliet

Staff:

Katie Bell, Youth Services Supervisor
Allison Maynard, Human Services Director
Jocelyn Santiago, Early Childhood Services Coordinator
Robin Kraemer, Youth Services Social Worker

Presenter:

Lisa Day-Lewis – QLounge representative

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:09 by Ethel Mantzaris

II. Introductions (12:10 pm)

III. Reports

- Human Services Report – Allison Maynard (12:11 pm)
 - Campership applications are open for Mansfield youth to qualify for camp scholarship help based on financial need.

- After the first round of Request For Proposals for ARPA money being reviewed by the Human Services Advisory Committee there is still substantial funds available. Another round of RFP's for non-profit organizations who serve Mansfield residents across the prioritized service areas will go out likely in June. Organizations do not need to be incorporated in Mansfield to qualify.
- Human Services is helping support the development of a Fair Rent Commission in town for residents to seek support from should they experience concerns related to excessive rent increases. The ordinance supporting this is being worked on by the town.

IV. Approval of minutes: April 11, 2023

- Quorum reached. Minutes approved by consensus at 12:16 pm

V. Reports (resumed)

- Youth Services Report – Katie Bell
 - Mentoring programs have wrapped up for the year with high enrollment and volunteer participation.
 - Volunteer Recognition event was held and well received by UConn volunteer mentors, advisory board members, and the WAMRDT team.
 - The parent Hidden in Plain Sight training that was held on April 19 had limited attendance despite high levels of outreach through schools and facebook event advertising. Continue to assess what parent training wants and needs are in terms of content, timing, and in person versus virtual (as well as synchronous versus asynchronous) for future training offering planning.
 - New Youth Services Social Worker is scheduled to start on May 30
- Upcoming Events: Celebrate Pride June 9

VI. New Business (consensus to move QLounge presentation further up agenda due to time constraints) at 12:27 pm.

- Youth leaders from QLounge were not able to attend meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Adult advisors Lisa Day-Lewis and Lisa Girard spoke to the process of the formation of the group which anticipated getting starting in the summer.
- The QLounge group is being financially supported through grant funding available through FAVOR, CT to meet a need/request from the community for young LGBTQIA2S+ youth to have an opportunity to get together and have informal activities in an affirming space rather than focusing on advocacy work like many GSA's do and be more youth focused than PFLAG is typically geared towards. It will be primarily serving 13-18 year old youth with possibilities to include mature 11 and 12 year olds or for expansion/breakout activities for younger group members as indicated. They anticipate meeting at one of two possible locations on the UConn campus on a monthly basis. They are also exploring possibilities for hybrid programming. The group will have a table at Celebrate Pride and do outreach to local GSA's.

VII. Old Business

- Sector reports (12:43 pm)
 - Discussion regarding game that high school students are playing that includes water guns and worry that somebody could mistake water guns for a weapon and harm students based on an incident that happened in a different state. Game is student organized so it is up to parents to discuss risks with youth to help minimize any potential risks.

VIII. Other

- No additional topics for discussion

IX. Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public comment received

X. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm

Next scheduled regular meeting: June 13, 2023