Minutes
Topic: June Youth Services Advisory Board Meeting
Time: Jun 14, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Present:
Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Laura Wright
Larry Barlow

Staff:
Patricia Schneider, Director of Human Services
Katie Bell, Youth Services Supervisor
Sarah Dufresne, Youth Services Early Childhood Services Coordinator
Lesley Magarian, Office Assistant

I. Call to Order
   • Meeting called to order by Ethel Mantzaris at 12:04 pm

II. Introductions

III. Approval of minutes: May 10, 2022
   • No quorum present, no vote held

IV. Reports
   • Human Services Report – Pat Schneider
     o Dorothy DelValle has accepted and started the new Community Assistance Coordinator position that was added to the Human Services Department with
the new proposed budget. She continues to assist families in identifying the best fit financial supports for accessing summer childcare and camp assistance.

- The vacancy for the Administrative Support Specialist is currently in recruitment.
- It is not yet known when HR will begin recruitment for the additional Youth Services Social Worker position that has been added

- Youth Services Report – Katie Bell
  - YSB interns have finished for the year. YSB will host one BSW intern next year as well as having Sarah Dufresne with additional duties as an MSW intern for the coming year. Pat Schneider will be her field supervisor for her placement.
  - Programs have wrapped up for the year with various culminating events.
  - The MY Voice group premiered their Public Service Announcement at a family and stakeholders event in May as well as the stickers with vaping and youth cannabis use prevention messaging on them. Locking safe storage pouches for medication with prevention messaging are also available.
  - MY Pride held its final meeting in June to be able to tie-dye their group-designed shirts in time to wear them to the Celebrate Pride event.
  - The Police Mentoring Program was able to participate in a field trip to the Adventure Park with YSB staff and program’s assigned trooper.
  - YSB helped to support the Make Tracks Challenge as MMS to support a school-wide school climate challenge for the different grades. The fifth grade was successful with the challenge and YSB helping to support the grade’s chosen incentive.
  - No new referrals were made in May for the WAMRDT
  - YSB has continued to receive many additional referrals from families at the end of the school year. There will be additional anticipated openings for school-based referrals in the fall with the addition of the new Social Worker position and Sarah Dufresne’s internship hours.
  - The Celebrate Pride event held on June 10, 2022 had positive reception from the community and was well attended. It is estimated there were 175-200 community members present throughout the evening.

V. Old Business
- No updates

VI. New Business
- Summer programs are currently in recruitment. Mustangs is full. GOAL still has several openings. There will be additional family events held over the summer that will be publicized via YSB’s facebook page.

VII. Other

VIII. Opportunity for Public Comment
- No public comment received

IX. Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm

Next meeting: September 13, 2022 at 12 pm