



Meeting Minutes for Board Meeting January 27, 2014

Members Present: Joan Courtney Murray, Brad Pindel, Jan Midiri, Karen Poreda, Domenic Cianciarulo, David Russell, John Loughnane, Kathy Sullivan Wallace, Jake Greenberg, Lucie Duffy, Jillian Donlon, MaryAnne Carty, Danielle Sutton

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7: 05pm.

II. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the January 6th (rescheduled December 23rd meeting) were accepted.

III. Director's Report

Clinical Services

*There are currently thirty (30) clients on the WY&FS caseload, two more than at last report. Twenty-three (23) individuals, two (2) families and five (5) ongoing parent consultations.

*There are ten [10] residents, eight [8] individuals and two (2) parent consultations, waiting to receive services.

*Placement to all staff and interns is ongoing. So far in January seven (7) new individual clients have begun treatment at WY&FS and seven [7] new requests for services have been made by residents.

*In the week of January 6th, two new sessions of our eight week Structured Play Groups began with a total of sixteen (16) members. These Monday and Wednesday afternoon groups are being held in space at the Hanlon elementary school so that children attending the Extended Day program may participate. In the first week of January our twelve-week Girls Only! Group program also began, and there are ten [10] girls from the 4th-6th grades participating.

Program Updates

*The Body Safety Theater program held an information session for newcomers and auditions for all applicants on Thursday, January 16th. Twenty-two (22) students auditioned and all 22 were given roles. Rehearsals began on Thursday, January 23rd and will continue until the performances for all of the third grades in mid-April.

*The second Teen Center event of this school year was held on Friday, 1/24 at the Thurston Middle School.

*Applications continue to come in for our Graduate Internship program in 2014-2015. At this time four (4) applications have been submitted and we are beginning to schedule interviews for the first week of February.

Community Connections

*On Friday, 1/17, Joanna and our graduate interns, Kerry and Jackie, attended a training at the Needham Youth Services department on the QPR (“Question, Persuade, Refer”) Method of Suicide Prevention.

*MaryAnne is once again coordinating the application process for new Student Board Members to the Youth & Family Services Board. Applications and information will be mailed to the Sophomore Class of WHS and will be posted on the town website. As there is not an available list of those tenth grade Westwood residents attending private school, we ask board members to assist us in spreading the word to any of those residents who might be interested in serving on our board!

*On Friday, 1/31, Danielle will attend a meeting of Massachusetts Youth Services Directors, hosted by the Town of Newton. Information will be exchanged regarding Community Responses to Substance Abuse, Education and Awareness.

* Board members requested that letters be sent to the following schools to inform them about our student board member process: Catholic Memorial, Nobles, Newton Country Day, Xaverian and Ursuline .

IV. Liaison Reports

Westwood High School – Midterms are over and junior workshops will be held Friday. Guidance will be coming into the English classes to talk about the college process and the senior independent project. The seniors had a pancake fundraiser and College Planning Night is February 5th. Mr. Harrigan is a finalist for the principal position at Wayland High School. Middle school parents will be coming to visit the high school and course selections for next year will be happening in the next few weeks.

Thurston Middle School – Nothing to report.

Elementary Schools – Deerfield school is having a science fair February 12. The Downey school is doing a five part lecture, Building Blocks for Learning, for preschool parents which is funded by a WEF grant. The Martha Jones PTO is sponsoring a Providence Bruins game with a scholastic book fair February 3-7. The Sheehan school will also be doing a book fair from January 28-31, the student council is doing a movie night and the PTA will be holding a fundraiser at Norfolk Golf Club February 11. All five schools are participating in a math league. Downey is gearing up for its school play and third graders won the Spelling Bee. Sheehan is doing the play ‘Peter Pan’.

Community Policing – Things have been relatively quiet. Two new sport utility vehicles have been purchased. There is a new app ‘MyPD’ where you can access information about your town.

Community Liaisons –

Food Pantry- Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – Jan and Arlene are both part of this committee.

V. Old Business – Nothing to report.

VI. New Business - There will be an update from the subcommittee at next month’s meeting.

VII. Adjournment - All business completed and meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Next meeting will be February 24th @ 7pm at the ICC.