

Minutes

Youth and Family Services Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Members present: Sue Baldauf, Director; Sheryl Barkan, At Large; Kristina Philipson, Chair, At Large; Tom Pinney, At Large; Kevin Wormstead, Board of Health; Ann Guay, School Committee; Caroline Fedele, Selectmen; Steve Waite, Bedford Police (subbing for Jeff Wardwell)

Members Absent: Alison Malkin, At Large

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Kristina Philipson (Chair.)

Minutes: The Minutes from March 14, 2013 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Old Business:

- 1. Programming:** The Peer Mentors held a scavenger hunt at the corner. Fun was had by all. Interviews are currently underway for next year's Peer Mentors. The Adult Programming talk on "Liability for Social Hosting" was lightly attended. Sue is looking at Adult Programs for next year and possibly running them in conjunction with back to school nights at BHS and JGMS. Both schools have voiced interest in stress related sessions.
- 2. Grants update:** Sue is moving forward with 2 Healthy Bedford grants. Mark Fenton will be keynote speaker at 2013 Healthy Bedford by Design on May 23, 2013. Mark to speak on "How where we live affects how we live."
- 3. Veterans Update:** In February, Lexington and Bedford formed a district to better serve the veterans of both towns. Ryan Lennon will serve as the District Director and William Linnehan will assist being primarily based in the Bedford office Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am-4:30pm.
- 4. Homeless Families in Bedford:** The numbers of families are at 45 currently. Work is being done to investigate the possibility of creating an outdoor play space across from the hotel for the families/kids to use. The hotel owner is open to the idea but there are concerns about the right of way that Mead Bros. holds on the property.
- 5. Budget for 2014-2015 was approved.**

Introductions were held at 7:11pm.

New Business:

1. Election of Chairperson: Tom Pinney elected for 2013-2014.
2. Next year's meeting schedule is tentatively created and accepted.
3. 2013 Healthy Bedford by Design to be held on Thursday, May 23rd, a presentation with Mark Fenton on how we can "Improve Bedford's Health, Environment and Local Economy.
4. Heidi (Board of Health) and Sue are working with the Superintendent Sills to schedule a training in the fall for First Responders and School personnel.

Updates:

Ann Guay, School Committee: School Committee has 2 new members: Mike McAllistar and Ann Guay. Updates/recommendations from the Security Council include:

- Consideration of the Alice Program – enhanced lock down options
- Increased security/limited access to schools by locking front doors and requiring visitors to be buzzed into the buildings by office staff
- Training
- Re-examination of arrival and dismissal times and procedures

Kevin Wormstead, Board of Health: School nurses made a presentation on the BMI results. BMI screenings are for students in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10. Students can be opted out of screening by parent/guardian. A letter is sent to each screened student's parent/guardian regardless of the BMI result. Letters should be mailed home and not sent home via back packs. Reduction in 10th grade results for kids considered overweight or obese. It is also tick season.

Steve Waite, Bedford Police: A mock crash was held at BHS in conjunction with the Peer Leaders. It is held every 2 years for all juniors and seniors prior to Prom season. Crash is followed by an assembly for all. Includes the filming of the driver being arrested and injured parties being taken to the hospital as well as a funeral director on site.

Sue Baldauf, Director: Sue participated in the Town Manager's hosting of 3 visitors from the Pakistani government as part of the State Department Exchange program. The 3 women are all government employees and wanted to learn about our local government specifically: elder care, abused women and the education of women.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting: September 12, 2013. All meetings begin at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Pinney, Acting Clerk.