

Minutes
Youth and Family Services Committee
Thursday January 12, 2012

Members Present: (Chair)Tom Pinney, At-Large; Kristina Philipson, At-Large; Noreen O’Gara, School Committee; Kevin Wormstead, Board of Health; Sue Baldauf, YFS Director; Jeff Wardwell, Police; Matt Nicoli, HAFB

Members Absent: Sheryl Barkan, At-Large; Cathy Cordes, Selectman; Alison Malkin, At-Large;

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. By Tom Pinney.

Minutes: Minutes from November 11, 2011 were discussed, adjusted, and accepted as amended.

Old Business:

Sue reported on the programs of YFS. Ongoing mentoring program at the Corner, discussions regarding locations for a J.G.M.S. dance, Sue went to Boston with seventeen JGMS students to attend an [Anti-Bullying](#) workshop. 10-15 parents used the holiday store and \$300 in gift cards were given out. 24 Project Ezra dinners went out to families and they have had 16 fuel assistance applicants to date. Sue also mentioned working on two grants, one for jail diversion with the police and the other a planning grant with health.

New Business:

B.Y.&F.S. budget- Sue will not ask for any changes except for Veterans agent salary who works more than the allotted 5 hours.

Updates from committee participants:

Noreen O’Gara, School Committee. Maureen LaCroix was selected as a superintendent of the year. The search for principals at the schools is progressing with interviews scheduled. Kevin Tracey will be the principal at the J.G.M.S. and Jon Sills will be the Superintendent.

Sue Baldauf, YFS Director. Sue completed work on the EOHHS committee, and their report related to improving statewide services to children, youth and families was submitted to the Governor and is available to read on MASS.GOV

Matt Nicoli, H.A.F.B. Hanscom had a heros homecoming today, February is teen dating violence month, the base is holding domestic violence programs to raise awareness and working with Brian DeChelis at BHS to establish a similar program.

Jeff Wardwell, Police Dept. Jeff reported that he and the other School Resource Officer, Steven Waite, are working with the schools on attendance issues and policies. Steven Waite is the new School Resources Officer.

Kevin Wormstead, Board of Health Kevin reported Health is working on budget, domestic sharps program-“turn in your needles”- and updating tobacco regulations prohibiting sale of tobacco products at pharmacies. Bedford currently has 10 locations selling tobacco products. An intern is working with Heidi on healthy choices in vending machines. A private contractor will be making sure all of the AED’s are operable and in service. There will be a vacancy in the Board of Health.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Wardwell