

# Needham Youth Services

## Board of Director Meeting Notes

May 9, 2012

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 4/11/2012; May Department Report; Evaluation Compilation for Fathers Parenting Group; Peer Tutor Award Ceremony Flyer, RAY of Hope Press Release; Peer Tutor Flyer; VIP Flyer; and thirteen (13) newspaper articles.

- **Accepted Minutes of 4/11/2012**

- **Community Focus Discussion:**

Discussed a range of issues such as the matter of the middle school student having bullets.

- **Discussion of Membership on the Board**

An update to the members who are departing, and reminding those members to contact their appointing authority in writing regarding their decision. Discussed potential new Board members and the process to be followed regarding a potential future appointment.

- **Update on Programs and Services for Parents**

While members are aware of parent programs such as the QPR Suicide Prevention Trainings and discussion groups such as “A Conversation...For Parents of Teens,” there are many other programs which involve parents. For example there is the Patrick Forde Award, presentations to community groups, special programs such as the book discussion on “The Price of Privilege,” and many more. One emerging need we have fulfilled is meeting with parents for one or two sessions who need direction in dealing with an emergency (e.g. suicide) or a developing issue (alcohol abuse). The staff is also investigating establishing a group for single parents as this may be a need in the community.

- **New/Old Business:**

- Voted to accept the dates of the second Wednesday of each month as the Board Meeting for the months of the academic year (September to June). At the June meeting members will decide the date (or need) for a July meeting.
- Update on summer programs Project VAN & Extreme Looks; good response thus far.
- Update on the VIP Program; wrapping up for the year and recruiting for next year.
- Update on Peer Tutor; wrapping up for the year and recruiting for next year.
- Update on Town Meeting
- Update on staff; a medical leave for a staff member and the leaving of our Clinical Intern

- **Upcoming Meeting:**

June 13, 2012 at 5:30 at Needham Town Hall (May/Chapel Meeting Room)

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Cathy Lunetta, Jessica Hoguet, Allison Berger, David Bookston, Danielle Penny, Vin Springer, Debbie Winnick
Members Absent:	Ronnie Haas,
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, Michelle Butman