

# Needham Youth Services

## Board of Director Meeting Notes

April 9, 2014

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 3/12/2014; April Department Report; Graduate Intern Job Description; College Student Summer Internship; “The Secret Life of a Needham Teen” Evaluation Compilation”; “Dads Parenting Presentation” Evaluation Compilation; “A Conversation” Evaluation Compilation; 2014 Needham High School Parenting Conference Survey; Teen Dating Violence Participant Evaluations; Teen Dating Violence Activity Sheet; Loss Program Video shown; Sibshops Evaluation Compilation; and Sibshops Flyer.

- **Accepted Minutes of 3/12/2014**

- **Meet Adina Alpert**

Clinical Intern Adina Alpert shared her experiences and assignments from this year.

- **Community Focus**

A range of issues were discussed including the recent school override, the new Pollard School Principal, the game graduating seniors play called “Assassin,” and other local topics.

- **Programs Updates.**

- A Conversation... program; final night was April 1<sup>st</sup> (focus was “Dads Group”).
- Update on Peer Tutor Program; finishing up for the year, ceremony to be held next week.
- Continue to attend monthly Domestic Violence Action Committee meetings.
- Update on Youth Resource Network; noted parent mentor program.
- Update on Make A Statement Day; very successful year.
- Update on VIP; finished for the year...best year yet.
- QPR Workshop: final one held on 3/18.
- Update on “Sibshop” pilot program; slated for April vacation.
- Elisabeth Compton will be the 2014/2015 Clinical Intern.
- Ava Marinelli will be the 2014 Summer College Intern.
- The 2014 Summer Brochure is now available online and as a hard copy.
- We spoke to the Mitchell School PTC in late March.
- We met with administrators from St. Joe’s regarding future collaboration.
- We addressed the Eliot School Parenting Council in late March.
- We were active in the local media on the issues of Needham Unplugged and suicide.
- We will be working with 4<sup>th</sup> graders and parents at the Newman School.
- Update on Project VAN Program slated for this summer.
- Update on Extreme Looks Program slated for this summer.
- Update on Single Parent Support Group slated for this summer.
- Youth Services is contacted frequently by other towns who want to replicate our programs in their community.
- The staff is on the “Town Hall Social Interaction Committee” with the hope of enhancing cohesion in Town Hall.
- We will be addressing the Needham Women’s Club later this month.
- We will be addressing parents as part of a new Newman School Program in June, 2015.
- Noted that this month will mark Katy’s 14<sup>th</sup> year in Needham and Michelle’s 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Focus on Teen Dating Violence and Loss Workshops**

Update on recently completed Teen Dating Violence Program and preview of upcoming Loss Program.

- **Fiscal Year Update**

Update on part-time position that will likely be funded in FY 2015.

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- **Old/New Business**

In the process of identifying a student to serve on the Board as Justin will be leaving us in the near future.

- **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we will be meeting in the May/Chapel Room that night which is located directly across the hall from the Youth Services office....and it will be cozy, as this is a small space.

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Justin Jones, Regina Longley, Susan Patkin, and Vin Springer
Members Absent:	Kevin Keane
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, and Michelle Butman
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman