

Needham Youth Services

Youth Commission Meeting Notes

April 8, 2015

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 3/11/2015; April Department Report; "A conversation...For Parents of Teens..." Evaluation Compilation; QPR Evaluation Compilation; and RAY of Hope Press Release.

- **Accept Minutes of 3/11/2015**

- **Fiscal Year 2016 Update:**

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to begin on May 4th at which time it is anticipated members will approve the Youth Services' FY 2016 request.

- **Update on Part-Time Social Workers:**

This is working out well as two former Youth Services staff/interns are already seeing clients.

- **Program Update:**

- Update on QPR; last public training held in March.
- Summer Brochure: now available.
- Update on the Domestic Violence Action Committee; new project for women.
- Will be presenting to the Mitchell School PTC in May.
- Will be presenting as part of the Newman School Speaker Series in June.
- Presented to the SWAC earlier today on Social Wellness.
- Have selected our 2015 Summer Undergraduate Intern
- Have selected our 2015/2016 Graduate School Clinical Intern.
- Update on the Youth Resource Network; continues to meet.
- Update on VIP Program; going well and one meeting left for the year.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program; update and Peer Tutor Award Ceremony.
- Update on Teen Dating Violence Workshops; ongoing at Needham High School
- Will be a part of "Challenge Day" at the high school.
- Update on Adoptive Parents Group: well attended and well received.
- Babysitter Training Seminars have completed for this academic year.
- We are in the process of identifying a new student representative for the Board.
- Director noted the hard work of the staff over the past few months.
- Update of two internal projects town Department Managers are working on.
- Preview about summer programs VAN, Extreme Looks, and Single Parent.

- **Discussion about 50th Youth Commission/Services Anniversary:**

In 2007 we celebrated the 40th anniversary of this department by creating a video, having commemorative items, and other initiatives. This discussion was just an early conversation about this event --- even though it seems far away, January 1, 2017 is only 18 months in the future.

- **Old/New Business (none)**

Discussion and vote on FY 2016 meeting dates: Board will not meet in the summer, all meetings will occur on the second Wednesday of the month with the exception of November when the Board will meet the first Wednesday of the month.

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Kevin Keane, Regina Longley & Sonia Raja
Members Absent:	Susan Patkin & Vin Springer
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman & Liz Loveless
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman