



Colchester Youth & Social Services

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The Youth First Coalition is charged with the mission of promoting the social, emotional, and physical health and well-being of Colchester Youth. The coalition does this by 1) Advising and making recommendation on overall policy and program direction for the Youth Services Bureau, and 2) Developing culturally competent substance abuse prevention initiatives and increasing public awareness of the prevention of substance abuse.

Youth FIRST COALITION

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 1007 2848 Passcode: 165987

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84910072848?pwd=MHhMMkQ4LzAxMG4wTytETFJ1MVdBQT09>

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting To Order – Jacquelyn called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
 - a. Voting members present: Jacquelyn Rose, Russel Melmed, Carol Wikarska, Ann Marie Maffuid, and Samantha Van Zilen
 - b. Voting members absent: Pam Scheibelein, Lorraine
 - c. Other Present: Sebastian (student), Jennika Jenkins (SERAC), Holly (Youth Services), Lauren (Faith-Based Org), Emily (Miranda Creative), Kylie Fontaine (Youth Services), Alexandra (Student), Alexandra (Miranda Creative), Craig Scheel (SRO), Sophie Melmed (YAC), Val Geato (Youth Services), Tiffany Quinn (Recreation), Charity Benedict (Youth Services)
2. Approval of Minutes- October 2021
 - a. Russ motioned to amend the minutes, changing YRO to SRO; Jacquelyn seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed
 - b. Annmarie motioned to pass the minutes; Jacquelyn seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed.
3. Public Comments
 - a. Val read letter from Pam – she resigned from the board.
 - b. Reviewed election results and upcoming changes to liaisons (board of selectmen, board of education).
 - c. Jacquelyn's term is set to expire December 1st and this will be her last meeting.
4. Old Business
 - A. Miranda Creative Logo/Rebranding Presentation
 - a. Reviewed brand options.
 - b. Meeting participants preferred: upside down exclamation point logo (representing people); blue, turquoise, and yellow color scheme; the dot in the circle logo with name; circle logo all caps while other logos have a mix of upper and lowercase letters.

- B. Member Recruitment
 - a. Charity resending materials regarding membership and roles for each position.
 - b. Members interested in serving as chair, vice chair, or secretary should e-mail Val and Charity.
 - C. 2022 Resolution Run Planning
 - a. Carol will seek business sponsorships at the upcoming CBA meeting.
 - b. YSB will take the lead on operations and organizing the event. Will need volunteer support the day of.
 - c. Other sources of volunteers include Honor Society students and YAC students.
 - D. Other
 - a. Charity will resend information about ad hoc committees. Those interested in participating should email her.
5. New Business
- A. Member Updates
 - a. See public comments.
 - B. Other
6. Next agenda: elections, rebrand 2022 Resolution Run planning, ad hoc committee participation and updates, member recruitment
7. Adjourn – Samantha motioned to adjourn; Russ seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed. Meeting adjourned.