

Colchester Youth & Social Services

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Youth First Coalition Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2022 | 5:30 – 6:45 PM | In Person Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Koji, Sam Van Zilen, Ann Marie Maffuid, Carol Wikarska, Lauren Lorincz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Melmed

OTHERS PRESENT: Charity Benedict, Valerie Geato, Holly Rozanski, Craig Scheel, Chris Bennett, Denise Turner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sam Van Zilen called this meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None.

3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion for approval of May 4, 2022 meeting minutes, Sam Van Zilen, Ann Marie Maffuid seconds, no discussion, motion passes with unanimous approval, Dave Koji abstained from voting.

5. LPC UPDATES

An update was provided on the Local Prevention Council funding and the associated projects.

6. YOUTH SERVICES UPDATES

6.a. PROGRAM UPDATES

Summer programs are currently being promoted, there is still space for parents to sign up. There are currently 495 registrations.

6.b. COMMUNITY WELLNESS FAIR

Details from the Community Wellness Fair were reviewed.

6.c. ARPA APPLICATIONS

ARPA Committee will begin reviewing and voting on municipal funding applications at the ARPA Committee June 6th meeting. The coalition's letter to the Board of Selectman was submitted by Chair Russell Melmed.

7. DFC UPDATES

7.a. SUB COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Data & Evaluation committee shared an update on the SERAC Youth and Community Surveys. The Family Night Out prize raffle has increased number of survey submissions from parents.

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The Marketing & Media committee is in the middle of the Developmental Assets video campaign. Updates were shared. Reminders to Board members to film their video if not done so already. Discussion around the need for a separate Education & Training Committee determined the coalition can accomplish the planning for community conversations at a special meeting in July rather than trying to accommodate schedules for a separate committee meeting. Carol W motioned to approve scheduling a special meeting on July 20th at 12PM, Ann Marie Seconded, no discussion, motion passes unanimous.

8. DFC COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dave Koji expressed interest in reviewing the expectations for Vice Chair.

9. REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS

Valerie is reviewing edits to By-Laws proposed by Russell Melmed and Jaqueline Rose.

10. NEXT STEPS

1. Charity will send out meeting invite for July 20th Special Meeting.
2. Val will complete review of By-Laws suggested edits

9. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

NEXT MEETING

July 20, 2022, In Person & on ZOOM

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