

Colchester Youth & Social Services

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Youth Services Advisory Board/Youth FIRST Coalition Wednesday, January 8, 2020 5:00pm Town Hall Meeting Room 2

Members present: Chairman Linda Bromley, Secretary Jacquelyn Rose, Russell Melmed, Elizabeth Allard

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Pam Scheibelein, Lorraine Marvin

Others present: Valerie Geato, YSB Director; Christine Miskell, SERAC; Hannah Knight, YSB Program Coordinator, Natalie, Selectman Denise Mizla; Sue Hickey, Board of Education Liaison; Rob Tarlov, Board of Finance Liaison.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 by Linda Bromley.

2. Approval of December Minutes

Russell Melmed motioned to approve December meeting minutes, seconded by Elizabeth Allard, unanimously approved, Motion Carried.

3. Public Comments: none

4. New Business:

A. Member Recruitment

- i. Discussed which sectors lack representation on board: youth, business, religious institutions, civic groups, media, and health care
- ii. Required sectors include police, youth serving agency, parents, school, and elected officials
- iii. Discussed strategies to recruit members to the board and specific individuals to invite.

B. Other: None

5. Old Business

A. Resolution Run

- i. \$4098.74 raised
- ii. 247 registered to run and 238 ran

- iii. Less than 10 people registered during the flash sale
- iv. Notes for next year: more snacks, consider selling additional shirts, give shirts to sponsors

B. Other: None

6. Local Prevention Council Initiatives

A. Screenager Community Conversation- January 29th

i. Decided to have a daytime screening on January 30th at the youth center at 9:30am. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

B. Strategic Planning-Next meeting January 16th from 3pm to 5pm

- i. Hired consultant, John Daviau, to develop strategic plan and write application for Drug Free Communities Grant
- ii. Discussed whether or not to include party pledge and hotline. YSB staff will explore capacity to implement.
- iii. Discussed adding additional activities, including 8th grade transitions program, a formal, school-based mentoring program, and a youth coalition.
- iv. Discussed aligning goals with developmental assets framework.

7. Next Agenda

YSB Budget, Strategic Plan, Wellness Fair, DFC Grant

8. **Adjournment** Jacquelyn Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm, seconded by Russell Melmed. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jacquelyn Rose.

