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Youth Services Advisory Board/Youth FIRST COALITION

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 5:00 pm Virtual Zoom meeting

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MINUTES

Board members present: Pam Scheibelein, Jacquelyn Rose, Carol Wikarska, Ann Marie Maffuid

Board members absent: Lorraine Marvin, Russel Melmed

Others present: Sue Hickey, Amy Domeika, Chris Bennett, Valerie Geato

1. Call Meeting To Order 5:06pm
2. Approval of January Minutes- Pam Scheibelein motions to approve minutes; Ann Marie seconds; all in favor; motion passed.
3. Public Comments – no comments
4. Program Updates
 - a. Parent program is going well, participation ranged between 12 and 20 parents; building social connections; facilitator administers evaluation.
 - b. Still doing learning lounge, but participation is lower because kids are back in school four days per week. Exploring adding high school students, advertisements to school administrators and counselors went out this week.
 - c. Youth Service Bureaus are sponsoring a viewing of the movie “Like.” There are 7 or 8 YSB’s that are covering the \$4,000 cost. The film focuses on the pressures around social media. The cost is paying for rights to the film, community viewing of the film, and panel after. It will be available April 5th through April 11th.
 - d. An average of 10 youth are participating in the Youth Center Elite program after school.

e. GSA is still meeting, there is an upcoming meeting on Friday.

5. Old Business

- A. Vaping Prevention Campaign- holding off on meeting with a graphic designer until the Coalition Coordinator position is filled.
- B. Coalition Coordinator Position Update: interviewing for position; their first two projects will be the vaping prevention campaign and a member spotlight for the coalition. The hope is to make an offer Friday, there is someone coming in for an in-person third interview.
- C. Member Recruitment- this task will be delegated to the Coalition Coordinator.
- D. Other- none.

6. New Business

- A. Youth Services Coordinator Position Update – Oliver is no longer with the youth center – his passion sits with camp and he has moved on to a new job. The position has been reposted and closed; many strong candidates; one more interview tomorrow.
- B. Hidden in Plain Sight Partnership – there is a current collaboration to develop a virtual program.
- C. Other- none.

7. Next agenda: Coordinator position update, vaping campaign, and member spotlight.

8. Adjourned at 5:53pm- Pam Scheibelein motions to adjourn; Carol Wikarska seconds; all in favor; motion passed.