



Colchester Youth & Social Services

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Youth Services Advisory Board/Youth FIRST COALITION

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 5:00 pm Virtual Zoom meeting

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AGENDA

Members Present: Elizabeth Allard, Jacquelyn Rose, Russel Melmed

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Pam Scheibelein, Lorraine Marvin

Others present: Kylie, YSB; Valerie Geato, YSB Director; Carol Wikarsaa, Business Liaison; Ann Marie Maffuid, Mental Health Liaison; Amy Domeika; Rob Tarlov, Board of Finance Liaison; Christine Miskell; Denise Mizla; Sue Hickey, Board of Education Liaison

1. Call Meeting To Order at 5:04pm
2. Approval of June and July Minutes
 - a. Jacquelyn motions to approve the June and July minutes, Elizabeth seconds motion, all in favor, unanimously approved, motion carried.
3. Public Comments
 - a. None
4. Old Business
 - A. Anti-racism workshop recap – facilitated in September; full attendance (25 people including staff and facilitator); followed by picnic and distribution of free masks; initiated fall session of Youth Uprise
 - B. Program Coordinator hiring update – 185 candidates; narrowed to 5 and started interview process; hope to make an offer as soon as next week
 - C. Other
5. New Business

A. Fall Program update –

- a. Running the Learning Lounge (school support program); running two cohorts; new youth starting this week and next week; influx of children requiring more support. School has been a good partner. Good communication around the needs of youth. Generally, youth seem to be struggling with virtual learning. Nine in each cohort; 18 total. Max of 12 youth. Youth that dropped out are performing well in school and parents felt they didn't need. Youth transitioning in realize they need more support. Middle school is referring youth.
- b. Started outdoor youth center to engage middle school students.
- c. Running full steam ahead for grades three through five.
- d. Numbers are generally low, but should see an increase. Calendar was released last week.

B. Recommend new board members to Board of Selectman

- a. Recommend Ann Marie Maffuid and Carol Wikarsaa.
- b. Russ motions, Elizabeth second, all in favor, unanimously approved, motion carried.

C. Other

- a. Leverage warm weather days to implement outdoor, planned activities.

6. Local Prevention Council Initiatives

- A. Vaping initiatives grant –grant for slightly under \$4,000; 90% of funding must focus on vaping; weekly prevention campaign via Facebook listserve, town website, distribution list, etc. campaign for youth via Instagram and other social media platforms; needs to be interactive; students in grades 6-12 participate of SERAC survey; [Frameworks Institute](#) Resources for prevention campaigns. Distribute testing kits on Halloween, Trunk or Treat, at farmer's market, etc. Start doing research re/ campaigns implemented in other communities.

B. DFC grant pending.

C. Other

7. Next agenda: fall program update, local prevention council updates

8. Adjourn Jacquelyn motions to adjourn, Elizabeth second, all in favor, unanimously approved, motion carried.