

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

PRESENT: Sue Campbell, Michele Fecht, Mindy Herrmann, Amy Knoth, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Libby Smith **ABSENT:** Deanna Barash, Suzanne Lynn, Lauren Romeo

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Libby Smith called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. Mindy Herrmann, Northville Township Trustee and new liaison to the NYA Commission, was introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

PROGRAM REPORT: Director Sue Campbell reported that five women and two men will complete mentor training on December 14. The 2017 Volunteer Appreciation event will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 25, at the Northville Community Center. Mentees and their parents, as well as volunteers, will be invited. Invitations will be sent this month.

NYA received two donations in November. The Northville Community Foundation awarded the program a \$250 grant to purchase gift cards for mentors to take mentees to dinner or to a movie. The Main Street League's *Amazing Grapes* fundraiser earned NYA nearly \$1,100 for mentor-mentee events and camp, music and athletic scholarships.

Director Campbell reported that diversion referrals have nearly doubled in the last year. To meet the increased demand, Amy Prevo was hired as a contractual mental health professional. Formerly the associate director of the Center for Educational Research at the University of Michigan, Amy holds a BA in theatre, speech and political science from Olivet College and a master's degree in educational leadership and guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University. She also completed volunteer mentor training at NYA. In November, Amy, Carolyn Kivell and Caarin Kogut had 13 diversion clients on their caseloads in addition to seeing three clients for counseling.

Director Campbell also noted that the Makers' Club at Hillside Middle School has 60 student participants in morning, lunch and afternoon sessions of 20 each. NYA purchased the supplies for the program and is helping with facilitator fees.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Campbell noted the program has spent about 81% of its budget to date. The anticipated use of \$6,700 from fund balance will be closer to \$4,000 by the end of the year.

2017 GOALS DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed the goals outlined for 2017 with emphasis on an evaluation of the mentoring program. Director Campbell distributed the August 2011 Mentor Program Evaluation for review. Additional topics to be considered in an updated mentoring evaluation include ways to offer support to mentees who request it, and development of a youth recognition program.

The Commission and director also discussed the need for additional funding sources to support programs — specifically camp scholarship — with the close out of the Conrad Foundation fund. The program has supported between 50 and 80 camp scholarships with the Conrad funds; it currently supports six. The Commission added to the 2017 goals a greater effort to raise awareness in the community about the need for scholarship funds, and to explore the formation of a 501(c)3 Friends of NYA. It also will look at expanding its community partnerships.

2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS: NYA Chair Libby Smith will email commissioners about serving as officers. The slate will be presented at the January 2017 meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP: Mindy Herrmann provided an update on the Five Mile and Beck property. She also noted that John Werth, Northville Township Public Safety Director, will be retiring this month. A replacement for longtime township trustee Marv Gans, who passed away December 2, will be appointed sometime within the next 30 days.
- B. NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: No report.
- C. CITY OF NORTHVILLE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.