

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 10, 2017

Present

Interim Director Amy Prevo, Mindy Herrmann, Amy Knoth, Chuck Murdock, Suzanne Lynn, Marilyn Price, Sandra Brock, Lauren Romeo

Absent

Michele Fecht, Libby Smith

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 by Chuck Murdock, vice chair, in the absence of Michele Fecht, chair.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Program Report

School is back in session and students are busy.

Candidates are being interviewed this week to replace the Mental Health Professional role (Amy's role). There are a few strong candidates. Position will be 10-15 hours/week. Will start the person as soon as possible.

Intern from Madonna University. Laura Street, a NHS graduate and Madonna University student studying psychology, began working with NYA in September. Laura will be providing programmatic support by assisting with program development, implementation and evaluation, developing information packets of local mental health resources for our clients and their families, and providing support, guidance, and group facilitation with youth enrolled in the Peer-2-Peer program. Laura will be interning for approximately eight hours per week until she graduates in the Spring of 2018. Will also contact EMU about possible interns.

Website is updated. The NYA pages on both the City and Township websites have been updated. Outdated information has been updated or removed, links have been reorganized, photos replaced, etc. Amy is looking to ultimately make the website more interactive.

Lending closet. Served 42 kids and some moms for the Heritage Festival. There is a Girl Scout who wants to do a lending closet so Amy is going to work with her next year and have her run the lending closet.

Amy has been meeting with school administrators and counselors. Will have regular meetings to understand what the schools are doing, what NYA is doing, and how we can partner with one another without duplicating efforts. Chuck asked Amy to provide a wrap-up summary at the end of all of the meetings to understand what she learned.

Counseling and diversion: In September, Mental Health Professionals Megan Campbell and Caarin Kogut, had three diversion clients on their caseloads; one for drugs, and two for vehicle theft. They are also seeing two clients for counseling. This month we also received one new counseling referral and four

new diversion referrals; one for anger management, one for drugs, and two for vaping. These cases will be deferred until a new Mental Health Professional is hired.

Caarin and Megan will be at the Township fire department open house this weekend.

Financial Report

Amy and Marina met two weeks ago. Sue's payout zeroed out the salary line item in the budget. The Township expected that the payout would be a large lump sum and there are items that aren't being spending right now to help cover actual salary. If need be, the fund balance can be utilized.

There is a budget study on Thursday and the budget will be adopted by the end of October.

Lauren asked about the need for Camp scholarships. Amy mentioned that she'd really love to find additional monies for parent education workshops and possibly workshops for kids. Lauren will raise funds during the Main Street League's November event.

Liaison Report

Northville Township – Mindy Herrmann reported on the Township. Township's fund balance is gradually going down. Also likely going to use some money for the 7 Mile property (old mental health facility). To take down largest building will cost approximately \$10M. The Township just sold a 3 acre piece of property for \$400k to a utility company.

City of Northville – Marilyn Price reported on the City. Successful Heritage Festival. Many people downtown for Skeletons Alive on Friday and over the course of the weekend. Election on November 7. Two Council members for two seats.

Northville Public Schools – Sandra Brock reported on the schools. Strong start to the school year. Community Open House on 11/5 from 1-3 p.m. at NHS. Heritage Festival Parade a success. Deanna Barash's job is posted. Hiring an assistant principal for the high school—1st interviews completed. Bond vote on November 7. Unanimous vote by the school board to move forward with the bond. No increase in taxes.

Old Business

Strategic planning session on Monday, 10/16, at 9 a.m. at the Northville Community Center.

New Business

NYA Director position discussion. Amy left for the discussion but before doing so, Chuck asked Amy to share a few words. She loves her work and has a vision for how to continue building strong relationships and partnerships that are in benefit to children in the community. Chip and Debbie called Michele and suggested that the Commission make Amy the permanent director sooner than later. As per the bylaws, the Commission voted to recommend to make Amy the permanent director effective immediately. Marilyn made the motion; Mindy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, November 14 at 8 a.m. at the Northville Community Center.