

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD  
AND  
DESIGNATED LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
January 14, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Wende Cooper, AnneMarie Cox, Michelle Degagne, Jennifer Kertanis, Kerry Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Mark McDermott, Julianna Pestretto, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Abby Shtekler, Captain Tyler, Detective Vernale, Kat Volikas

Chairman Michele Psutka confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION BY** Michele Psutka, seconded by Daphne Shinder, the Board voted (10-0-0) to accept the minutes of November 12, 2014 as written.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- Escape Alive, a self-defense course for women ages 15 and up, is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. In order to hold the course, 40 individuals need to be enrolled. It is open to Granby and East Granby residents, and will be opened up to area towns if there is space.
- A divorce support group for men will begin on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Ms. Cox gave some possible dates for a meeting in Southington with the STEPS program. Anyone who would like to attend should contact her tomorrow and let her know two of the dates that work for them. She will then talk to Southington to confirm a date that works for everyone.
- One of the interns is moving to California so recruitment has begun for another. There may soon be a waiting list for counseling services.
- One of the therapists has started a program called, Healthy Minds, which is individual counseling for seniors. Currently, 12 individuals participate.
- Both the GO and WOW groups are up and running.

**YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:**

- YAC will meet again at the end of the month.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance was held in December and raised just over \$1,200. As a result, the scholarship program is funded for this year and any money raised from the next dance would cover any programming costs.
- The group is looking into having an open mic night of Beatles music.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Senior Center is beginning the process of applying for their third re-accreditation. There is a “kick off” meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. to ask for community representation. If anyone on the Board is interested, please let Ms. Kielbasa know.
- It was noted that the Southing STEPS website highlights an “asset of the month”. This could be a way to introduce existing groups to the assets, i.e. sports groups, scouts, etc., and provide ways to incorporate it to things they’re already doing. Ms. Kielbasa reminded the group that there is some money available that was raised by the GPC.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The representative of the Farmington Valley Health District will be an ex-officio member. As a result, new by-laws were distributed and there is now a parent vacancy on the board.
- AnneMarie Cox expressed some concerns regarding holding the zombie run in the spring, i.e. parking issues at Holcomb Farm due to construction, inability to prepare course in time because of weather, etc. Although holding the run in the fall would provide more time to plan, Jeff Rackliff, who initiated the concept, is very busy as a senior and will be in college in the fall. It was suggested to develop a work plan and pull in various youth groups to help, such as YAC, boy scouts, girl scouts, etc. Also, Jeff could coordinate with some underclassmen to assist. It was agreed that the fall is a better time to hold the run. There will be a sub-committee meeting at the Senior Center/Youth Services building on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested in helping. At this point, Julianna, Jen, Mark and Abby agreed to help.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Laura Matheos, seconded by Mark McDermott, the bureau voted (10-0-0) to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary