

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD  
AND  
DESIGNATED LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
November 12, 2015**

**PRESENT:** AnnMarie Cox, Justine Ginsberg, Julianna Pestretto, Abby Shtekler, Daphne Shinder, Courtney Sims, Captain Tyler, Kat Volikas, Sandra Yost

AnnMarie Cox confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

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

**ON A MOTION BY** Daphne Shinder, seconded by Bill Tyler, the Board voted (7-0-0) to accept the minutes of October 14, 2015 as written.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- A MADD presentation was held at the middle school PAC meeting. The PAC would like the presentation to be given again later in the year with the hope they'll get more people in attendance. One issue the parents raised was the difficulty of discussing the dangers of marijuana use with your children now that they no longer see it as harmful in light of decriminalization and legalization of medical marijuana. The parents are also interested in having Wayne Kowal from the CT State Police Narcotics Task Force come back next semester.
- Counseling caseloads are picking up and will continue to do so as the school year progresses.
- The Love and Logic parenting program has ended and it will be offered again in January.
- Next Thursday, Ms. Cox will be attending a facilitator training on a safe dates program focusing on younger teens.

**YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL REPORT:**

- At this time, YAC is not committing to taking over the zombie run. They would like to continue with sponsoring a 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance. They have contacted the administration and are waiting for information regarding the structuring of the middle school next year.
- This year's winter dance will be held either Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The spring dance has not yet been scheduled.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- If the YSB decides to sponsor the zombie run, preparation needs to begin now in order to hold the event next fall. AnnMarie Cox stated getting volunteers to assist with the event was not a problem but getting a group together to organize the event was difficult. She stressed that it is essential to have a committee of approximately 10 individuals who are committed to making sure the event happens. Julianna Pestretto and Abby Shtekler would like to move forward with the zombie run. They will contact people at school and get back to Ms. Cox. Justine Ginsberg stated if the zombie run is sponsored by the YSB, the Farmington Valley Health District will have two people for the committee.
- At last month's meeting, YSB members were asked to get in touch with a community group they have contact with to discuss assets and bring the information to this meeting. Ms. Cox will be writing on this topic in the December newsletter. By December 1<sup>st</sup>, all members should send her a brief paragraph on their conversation and what the organization is already doing to build assets. This can be sent to her via e-mail at: [ahcox@granby-ct.gov](mailto:ahcox@granby-ct.gov).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mike Garcia has accepted the position of Executive Director at the YMCA in Buffalo and tomorrow is his last day.

## **OTHER**

- Julianna Pestretto is beginning to think about her application for the Girl Scouts Gold Award. One idea she is looking into is holding a job fair that would include topics such as how to write a resume, how to dress for an interview, etc.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Captain Tyler, seconded by Daphne Shinder, the bureau voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

Please note the YSB does not meet in December. The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary