

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
Minutes
January 8, 2014**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Kerry Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Mark McDermott, Officer Poehnert, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Captain Tyler, Kat Volikas

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Kat Volikas seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (6-0-2) to accept the minutes of November 13, 2013 as written. Michele Psutka and Mark McDermott abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

- The GPC did not meet in December or January. The focus groups have been ongoing.
- The Director of SADD will give a presentation for parents and high school students on April 3rd. If the high school is unavailable, it will be held at the Youth Services Building. This will be promoted as a GPC/YSB event. It will be paid for by Hartford Distributors, with the only stipulation being they are noted as the sponsor as this falls under their campaign to stop underage drinking.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

- In the spring, Ms. Cox will present the suicide prevention program (QPR) in East Granby to the teaching assistants and paraprofessionals.
- The first meeting of the Family Resource Fair will be held this Friday. The fair will be held at the Granby Road Race on May 3rd.
- Amanda Buswell moved to Texas. For now, her responsibilities have been parceled out to existing staff. Collen Golnick has assumed the reference piece and Sue Lawshe in East Granby has picked up some on-site supervision. Ingrid Helander continues to provide supervision as well. Mara Henze has been brought on to assist with WOW on a contractual basis.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:

- The Youth Action Council has chosen two community service projects. One is "Project Reserve" for sixth graders who are going into middle school. It is a one day program for

students who are very shy. A date has not yet been set. The group is also partnering with the YMCA for an afternoon program for middle schoolers. This will be held on an early release day.

OLD BUSINESS

- In regard to past conversations regarding constraints within the existing website, Donna Snyder asked if everyone could look at it within the next week and give her their feedback. When looking at the website, keep in mind the mission of the YSB regarding “positive youth development”. Try to identify what’s missing that would fall under the realm of the YSB, what works, what doesn’t, etc. Also, let her know if you are interested in being on a sub-committee regarding creating a new website.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Donna Snyder, seconded by Mark McDermott, the bureau voted (8-0-0) to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary