

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
Minutes
November 12, 2014**

PRESENT: Lori Blackburn, AnneMarie Cox, Jennifer Kertanis, Kerry Kielbasa, Mark McDermott, Julianna Pestretto, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Sonya Srinath, Abby Shtekler, Courtney Sims, Captain Tyler, Detective Vernale, Kat Volikas

GUESTS: Michelle Degagne

Kerry Kielbasa confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Michele Psutka, seconded by Daphne Shinder, the Board voted (4-0-0) to accept the minutes of September 10, 2014 as written.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

The GPC did not meet last month and has now merged with the YSB.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

Ms. Kielbasa reviewed what a Youth Service Bureau does and what their responsibilities are. Information regarding the YSB and the Local Prevention Council was distributed. It was also noted that a Chair and Vice Chair are needed.

AnneMarie Cox gave the following report:

- Since the start of the school year, referrals to counselors have picked up.
- There are now two part-time Marriage and Family therapists, one full-time school psychologist, one full-time intern and one practicum student.
- WOW (Women on the Way) has over 30 girls signed up.
- GO (Guys Only) has 12 boys signed up and the fall session is almost over.
- A "Girls Only" program was piloted this fall with 14 girls in attendance.
- The QPR suicide prevention program was presented to the Town CERT team.
- Scott Driscoll went to the middle school for a parent night. He is coming in January to talk to the PTO on internet safety.
- Ms. Cox would like to have Wayne Kowal from the CT Drug Force come to speak to parents in the spring.
- Southington's youth substance abuse prevention coalition was awarded the Drug Free Communities grant. Their focus is to educate the entire community on assets and getting involved in activities that already exist. Ms. Cox will be meeting with them to get additional information. Please let her know if you would be interested in attending.
- Ms. Cox met with Greta Lauro from Liberty Mutual. She provides a variety of seminars for free to the community. Her flyer was distributed.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:

- YAC did not meet last week but will meet next week.
- The first 6th grade dance will be held in December.

NEW BUSINESS

- The by-laws were distributed for review. **ON A MOTION BY** Lori Blackburn, seconded by Mark McDermott, the bureau voted (12-0-0) to accept the by-laws as presented.
- Jennifer Kertanis suggested the Farmington Valley Health District Health Director, or designee, be appointed as an ex officio member. Ms. Kielbasa will bring this suggestion to the Board of Selectmen.
- Michele Psutka will be the YSB Chairperson and Lori Blackburn will be the Vice Chair.
- The 20th anniversary of the YSB will be in 2015. A celebration will be held in the spring to promote the YSB and to recognize the members who served through the years. Anyone who is interested in helping with this, please contact Ms. Kielbasa.
- The GECC (Granby Early Childhood Council) is partnering with the Recreation Department on a tree lighting that will be held in the park on December 3rd.
- Ms. Cox will contact Dr. Law to inquire about working with the high school in presenting a mock car crash prior to prom and graduation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jeff Rackliff and Ms.Cox will meet in December and January regarding the zombie run. Exact meeting dates and times will be forthcoming. The run will be held at Holcomb Farm in the spring. Matt Ryan will do the posters and the design for the t-shirts. The entry fee will need to cover the cost of running the event. There is a lot of planning that needs to be done. Please let Ms. Kielbasa know if you are interested in helping.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Lori Blackburn, seconded by Daphne Shinder, the bureau voted (12-0-0) to adjourn at 5:09 p.m.

The YSB does not meet in December. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary