

**.TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
September 11, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Michael Garcia, Kerry Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Captain Tyler

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

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

**ON A MOTION BY** AnneMarie Cox, seconded by Daphne Shinder, the Board voted (6-0-1) to accept the minutes of June 12, 2013 as written. Michael Garcia abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

Donna Snyder reiterated that fact that the bureau is an advisory board. Members should come to the next meeting with feedback and suggestions.

**GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- The GPC met on Monday. Pastor Al Royal has taken over as Chairman. There is one youth slot still available.
- The Council is trying to be more centralized and task oriented. For this year, they chose three areas to focus on regarding programming: 1) restraint; 2) youth as resources and 3) creative activities. They will also look at the Search Institute's questions in regard to these three areas and create their own questions for a future survey.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- The work study program held at Holcomb Farm this summer was full every session and there was a lot of positive feedback from parents.
- Love and Logic starts Monday. Six families have signed up and there is room for one more.
- Protecting the Developing Brain will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The first half of the presentation will focus on concussions and the second part will focus on underage substance abuse. It is suggested that YSB members attend.
- The Connect Suicide Prevention Training will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting is not open to the public as it is more of a planning session for the different community sectors that are involved.
- Play by the Rules is a program that is created by police and the attorney general's office. It is geared toward middle school age youth to teach them the specific laws

that pertain to their age group. Ms. Cox felt this could be a good program for kids who are having difficulty following the rules at school.

- Ms. Cox will meet with students from the high school's SAFE group (Gay Straight Alliance) to see if there is anything they need.
- The Granby Road Race, which is sponsored by the YMCA, is scheduled for May 3, 2014. Youth Services is looking into having a resource fair at the event.
- There are three new interns. A new training manual was created and there was a team building event at the end of August. The interns are well prepared and have begun to see clients.

#### **YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:**

- The Youth Action Council has not yet met. There will be a retreat at Holcomb Farm on September 30<sup>th</sup>. They will focus on creating their community service project for this year. Ms. Psutka stated Meadowbrook is always looking for volunteers.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- As agreed upon at the last meeting, the number of meetings has been reduced to six per year. They are scheduled for September, October, November, January, March and May. Also, the number of members was reduced from eleven to nine. Ms. Cox will talk to Kathy Sutton regarding a youth member and Ms. Kielbasa will speak to Alan Adley and Pat Law regarding a school representative.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Michael Garcia, seconded by Michele Psutka, the bureau voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary