

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU  
Minutes  
March 14, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Michael Garcia, KerryAnn Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Matt McDermott, Michele Psutka, Chief Rosensweig, Shirley Ryan, Tom Tyburski

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** Michael Garcia, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (8-0-0) to accept the minutes of February 8, 2012 as written. It should be noted that Shirley Ryan arrived after the approval of the minutes.

**GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- On March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Yifrah Kaminir a UConn professor, will give a presentation on adolescent treatment of marijuana abuse and how marijuana affects the adolescent brain. The meeting is open to the public and all YSB members are encouraged to attend. The presentation will be held in the Community Room at the Senior Center/Youth Services building. The GPC meeting will be held from 6:00 to 6:30 on that day, prior to Professor Kaminir's presentation. There will not be a GPC meeting in April.
- Presently in the process of recruiting members to serve on the four committees.
- Conducting outreach to the community to get businesses to join the GPC as partners.
- The Memorandum of Agreement with East Granby was signed on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A part-time staff person has been hired for 10 hours per week. There is a meeting with their Board Monday night.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- There is a free yoga class at the middle school from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. It is open to anyone and runs for six weeks.
- The high school wellness fair that was held for 9<sup>th</sup> graders went very well. The feedback from kids, teachers and presenters was very positive. Scott McDonald would like to hold another all day fair for 8<sup>th</sup> graders which would focus on high school.
- There is not a date yet for the parent dialogue night. The focus would be on how to talk to pre-teens and teens who aren't talking to you.
- Scott Driscoll, a retired Glastonbury police officer, does an internet safety presentation and the middle school is interested in it for next year. Wells Road is also interested in it for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Jamie Blazinski gave a presentation to the WOW group on healthy relationships. It was very well received and Ms. Cox would like to have her come back for a mother-daughter evening presentation.

- Presently interviewing for interns and have two so far for next year.
- YWOW will be designated for the interns to run at the middle school in the fall.

### **YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:**

- YAC created a YSB survey to be given to high school students. They will ask the administration if it can be administered during advisory rather than have it done electronically.
- There is a meeting tonight to plan the next 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance.
- Safe Zone stickers were ordered for the middle school.
- Eight kids attended the youth leadership conference sponsored by CASAC (Capital Area Substance Abuse Council). The theme was 'Safe and Healthy Relationships'.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- The community survey was reviewed and a few changes will be made. Tom Tyburski will create an electronic copy and AnneMarie Cox will e-mail it to her distribution list. Hard copies will also be made to be distributed to area businesses, the library, the grandparent's breakfast, etc. An article will be put in the Drummer to include the link to get the survey. An e-mail blast will go out the third week of April to remind people of the survey and results will be compiled in May.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Jack Cashman brought up the topic of bullying and felt it is an issue the YSB could address. AnneMarie Cox stated Ryan's Story, which was presented at the middle school in January, was on bullying and the internet safety presentation next year will discuss cyber bullying. If anyone is aware of resources on this topic, Ms. Cox would be happy to look into them. She also stated that as a parent, individuals should feel free to send an e-mail to her on any issues they would like addressed with a "cc" to principals.
- Chief Rosensweig stated he would like to hire an additional officer who would serve as an Investigator and a Youth Services Officer. He feels the presence of an officer within the schools is crucial as more of a prevention piece, not just enforcement and could also assist with YSB programs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** AnneMarie Cox, seconded by Jack Cashman, the bureau voted (9-0-0) to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary