

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD  
AND  
DESIGNATED LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
February 8, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Michel Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Kim Calcasola, Jerry Dowd, Heather Tanis, Jill Small, Deanna Shinder, Olivia Fitzsimmons

**STAFF:** Sandra Yost

**CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRM QUORUM:**

M. Psutka confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Some members, attending via Zoom, did not have the minutes to review. The January 2023 minutes will be reviewed and approved at the March meeting.

**Staff Report**

Counseling services continue to be in demand. There is a short waiting list for services. YSB has taken on another master level CCSU student who is in need of completing hours this semester. This should help with the wait list. The current student intern will complete their obligation in August and will be offered a part time position with our agency. The current practicum student will continue as an intern and a new practicum student will be offered a placement in the fall.

Farmington Valley Health District has agreed to partner with YSB to hold a Narcan training and a presentation for parents on the benefits of postponing child access to social media; *Wait till Eight*.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Build the Balance campaign ideas resulted in discussion of offering a Coffee House-type event for students to use the band shelter at Salmon Brook Park, or a Talent Show, or Battle of the Bands, or a get out and walk event utilizing the new walking path at Salmon Brook Park. It was agreed that keeping it simple would attract greater participation from both Board members and youth. There are three July dates; July 13, 20 and 27, that Parks and Recreation will have summer concerts. These may be a good time for YSBAB to hold a concurrent event to promote activities away from electronic devices.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairperson, M. Psutka, stated she would write a blurb inviting residents to become involved in serving on the YSBAB. It was agreed that meeting will continue to be offered via Zoom to increase the ability to attend.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

Schools:

Kids are in need of counseling services. Other than that, it is status quo.

Parks and Recreation:

A new staff member has been added to handle event bookings for the park properties.

Police:

The schools have done an awesome job in handling the recent incidents.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ON A MOTION** by Daphne Shinder, seconded by Deanna Shinder, the bureau voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Yost*

Sandra Yost, Acting Recording Secretary