

**Town of Granby
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023**

Members Present: Daphne Shinder, Jerry Dowd, Kathryn Hanson, Kim Calcasola

Youth Present: Brandon Klein

Staff: AnneMarie Cox, Sandra Yost

Quorum met at 4:08 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Daphne Shinder at 4:09

Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve by Jerry Dowd, seconded by Brandon Klein.

Staff Report: YSB counseling services continue to be in high demand, resulting in a wait list. Two graduate students from CCSU's MFT program are working with the YSB this year. WOW and the Youth Action Council are running and OWL's has been posted and will begin in mid-October if there are enough registrants.

Sector Reports:

YMCA: We have a new representative: Kathryn Hanson is taking over for Marissa Teed.

Schools: Rough opening due to the excessive heat. Focus is on support and accountability at the high school. Post-Covid there was a lot of flexibility to help students adjust, however, now the focus is on holding them accountable for actions while providing support, as necessary. Student surveys identified student distress over the activity in bathrooms and drama in hallways. The goal is to address these issues and create a safe environment for students.

Human Services: Sandy Yost shared information regarding the Opioid Epidemic Settlement money. Granby will continue working with the Farmington Valley Health District to pool money to create regional programming. The police department has committed to holding two drug take-back days a year. After the new Chief of Police comes on board, the subject of a drug drop-off box will be raised as many community members have wondered why Granby does not have a box in our police station.

Police: The first responder camp was a success.

New Business: Discussed the Save a Life tour. High school staff expressed concern over some of the responses in the past to kids taking the texting and driving test. It became a game to prove they could do it successfully. The board will look into options for some of these kind of programs to see if some are better than others and avoid similar results in the future.

Next month the board will meet in person on October 11, 2023. The Town Clerk will meet with the board to swear all members in for the next term. Justine Glnsburg will also attend to speak to the board regarding mental health issues the FVHD is working to address.

Old Business:

Recruitment of new board members is an ongoing concern.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Daphne Shinder, seconded by Brandon Klein Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnneMarie Cox
Recording Secretary