

**CHESHIRE YOUTH SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 28, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Cheshire Town Hall**

Attendance: B. Kalinowski, T. Bergvik, E. Gunther, M. Siegel, A. Velaparthi, M. Wynne, M. Piccerillo, E. Tracy, S. DeCapua

Call to Order: B. Kalinowski called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and determined a quorum.

Eric Tracy gave an overview of the Juvenile Review Board. They have heard 19 cases/disposed of 17 cases appropriately. Two of the clients were rearrested and failed out of the program. The members of the Board often hand out stricter penalties than if the clients were to go to court.

At the November meeting after a brief presentation by M. Piccerillo, the Town Council extended the Juvenile Review Board program.

The State is looking into changing the age of a juvenile up to 21 years old. The State will be looking to local community programs like JRB to provide additional support.

Case load – about 4 cases/meeting. Grant funding is available and we may be eligible. Money is distributed regionally.

Opiate Addiction Program was offered through the Human Services Department in a four part series:

- Prevention
- Addiction
- Treatment
- Recovery

30 – 40 people attended the programs on Addiction.

Both the FBI and the Chief State Attorney's office are putting together a program for Sophomores and Juniors at the High School with a showing of Chasing the Dragon and a panel of speakers to work on prevention in the community.

State Budget Issues: Our local grant was cut from the State Department of Education. The Enhancement Grant was reduced. There is a proposal that all funds go into a competitive pool.

Local Communities to have a Legislative Breakfast...

We have an aggressive lobbyist that M. Piccerillo believes in.

Committee Membership – New officers are needed and will be appointed in January.

The meeting schedule for 2016 was approved. This is the last meeting for 2016. There is no meeting in December.

Search Institute Data Results:

M. Piccerillo covered the results. A complete report of the data is available upon request. The data was presented to the community schools/ and let people understand what is happening with our youth. Target our coaches to understand how to be asset builders. Any interaction with an adult will be a positive interaction.

Challenge day coming at Dodd and CHS.

Parent prevention guide being put together.

Youth services expanding programs – Drug Free Zone –

Discussion of the self-esteem asset and how important it is. Talk of helping peer – peer relationships.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Piccerillo