

**CHESHIRE YOUTH SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 23, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Cheshire Town Hall**

Attendance: B. Kalinowski, T. Bergvik, E. Gunther, M. Siegel, K. Turret, M. Wynne, G. Jinks, M. Piccerillo, E. Tracy, S. DeCapua, J. Falk (Observing for Liz Linehan, Liaison)

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

Juvenile Review Board: Changes happening at the State level are likely to impact local Juvenile Review Boards, like Cheshire's. The state's Juvenile Justice Policy Oversight Committee is making recommendations that will require additional community supports at the local level. This will likely impact the services provided by the Youth Service Bureau, including Clinical Services. There is legislation on the table regarding Raise the Age legislation, raising the age of a juvenile to 20 years (or younger) further increasing the number of young people served by diversion programs like the JRB.

A task for the Youth Services Committee will be to assess present supports and develop new ones.

State Budget Issues: The Governor asked all state agencies to make a 10% budget cut for FY 17-18. State Department of Education's solution is take certain after school programs, youth serving programs into a competitive grant pool.

Michelle will be looking to the Youth Services Committee to coordinate some Advocacy efforts.

Committee Membership: We have 3 open adult spots on the Committee, Bill Kalinowski will work to fill them. We need a 7th grade representative from Dodd. New member Grace Jinks, 8th grade at St. Bridgets.

Approval of Meeting Schedule for 2017: Schedule was approved.

Recap of Addiction Program: A series on Opiate addiction was held this fall. A presentation on Opiate Addiction and Chasing the Dragon will be held at Cheshire High School on February 7th. We are hoping to coordinate a community/parent presentation for the same week.

40 Developmental Assets Process: Data rollout – Presentations have been given to the Town Council, BOE, CHS Faculty. Next step is to present to parent groups. Youth Services is partnering with the school system on an annual calendar highlighting the assets. Looking to hold "Challenge Day" at CHS. – 100 students and some faculty will do activities together to promote a sense of community.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn – Bill Kalinowski, second – Tom Bergvik. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Piccerillo