

**Cheshire Youth Services Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 2017**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting begins at 7:00

**2. Roll Call**

*Committee Members-*

Bill Kalinowski

Lisa Keegan

Grace Jinx

Matt Seigel

Tom Bergvik

Kimberly Turret

*Advisory-*

Eric Tracy

Sam DeCapua

Jeff Falk

Chairman Kalinowski announces there is a Quorum and proceeds with the Meeting Agenda.

**3. Juvenile Review Board**

Eric Tracy announces there have been three cases since the last meeting. Unfortunately there was a youth who failed out of the program. He was rearrested before completing the program. This is only the second fail out in the history of the Board.

Michelle announced she and Eric will be attending JRB training. This training is a part of a UCONN study commissioned by the state. This might make our JRB eligible for funding down the road. State is looking at Diversion programs and their effectiveness.

**4. State Budget Issues**

Of course the State is in a great deficit; however, Michelle announced the last Governor's budget did not indicate any cuts for CYS programs. However, this could be up in the air. She is worried about funding/grants that she had programed for but feels confident and hopeful she will receive municipal support if these are not funded through the state.

**5. Committee Membership**

It is suggested that we propose officers to Chairman Kalinowski prior to the next meeting. It is the hope that at that meeting we could elect a slate of officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

## **6. Committee Initiatives**

### **Community Service Opportunities/JRB Programs**

The committee had been asked to come up with some ideas for community service for the JRB to use.

Some ideas that came forward were:

- A list of community service projects from Project You Court.com
- Clothing Drive, Food Drive like the National Honor Society does
- Public Art – perhaps a lengthy project, like painting the Graffiti covered rock on the Linear Trail or something for the Ball & Socket Program
- Master Manna's, Cheshire Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul, Soup kitchens.

Michelle has asked membership to try to make a contact with a local group to establish some connection for a community service project and come to next meeting with information.

### **Community of Concern Guide Dissemination:**

The committee had been asked to come up with ideas how to disseminate the 1000 or so booklets on Substance Awareness and Prevention.

One idea was to put a link about the booklet on the Cheshire High School/Middle School websites so Parents can be made aware of and possibly request the booklet.

Other ideas were to leave copies at the Pediatricians office, the YMCA and even keep a laminated copy at the library.

Steve DeCapua suggested he have copies to give to the families of some of the high risk students he works with.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Piccerillo