

**CHESHIRE YOUTH SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

September 23, 2013. 7:00pm  
Cheshire Town Hall

**Attendance:** M. Piccerillo, G. Garner, L. Vendetto, W. Kalinowski, M. Seigel, M. Firtel, Z. Feldman.

**Call to Order:** J. Garner called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, reviewed fire safety regulations and determined a quorum.

**Membership:** The committee is in need of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade representative and 1 adult (democrat or independent) member. M. Piccerillo suggested the committee vote to nominate committee chairs. M. Piccerillo reviewed the chair responsibilities and will email copies to the committee. The recommended positions are as follows:

Chair- Z. Feldman

Vice Chair- W. Kalinowski

Secretary- L. Vendetto

J. Garner made a motion to vote on the slate as is. W. Kalinowski seconded. All were in favor.

**Meeting Schedule:** W. Kalinowski made a motion to adopt the 2013 meeting schedule. L. Vendetto seconded. All were in favor.

Z. Feldman made a motion to eliminate the December 2013 meeting from the schedule. M. Seigel seconded. All were in favor.

J. Garner made a motion to approve the 2014 meeting schedule. W. Kalinowski seconded. All were in favor.

Schedules are as follows:

2013

October 28

November 25

December – no meeting

2014

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 19

June 23

July- no meeting

August- no meeting

September 22

October 27

November 24

December- no meeting

**New Business:** M. Piccerillo handed out copies of the Youth Services newsletters. She stated there were two new programs starting, the Youth in Action program which is a

youth philanthropy program and the Teen-to-Teen program which is a mentoring program. She also stated the Friday and Saturday night programs are still running well. The clinical division has two counseling interns and two social work interns who are helping to manage the caseload. The interns will be at the schools and running groups. The division is looking at starting a boys group (middle to high school), which would be peer, related.

M. Piccerillo will be applying for the same prevention grant from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The grant provides about \$4200 for prevention type activities. In the past we have used a portion for the enforcement of underage drinking and drug use. Such as providing extra police presence at sports games and events. There have also been compliance checks done at local stores to ensure they are not selling to minors. We have also donated money to project graduation and provided supplemental funding to some other programs. M. Piccerillo asked if anyone had any ideas of where the money should go she would appreciate the feedback.

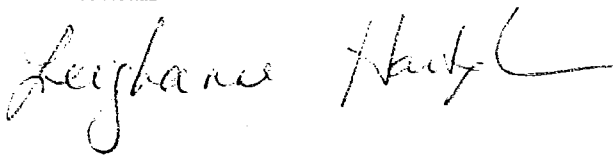
M. Piccerillo suggested the committee put together a plan of action for the year. In the past the committee has focused on fighting underage drinking and drug use. Maybe the committee could focus on something to raise awareness of something positive in the community, such as focusing on the 40 assets. There was a survey done about 4 years ago. The committee could do a press release etc and have someone come in to speak about asset training. M. Piccerillo suggested putting it in the agenda for next meeting. Everyone agreed.

M. Piccerillo will send the agenda draft to Z. Feldman to add anything if needed.

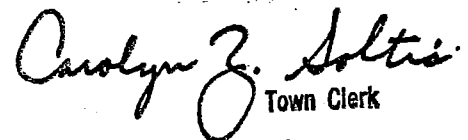
M. Piccerillo will email the committee regarding the asset training information.

**Adjournment:** J. Garner made a motion to adjourn. W. Kalinowski seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted  
Leighanne Hartshorn



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