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Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from January 3, 2017

In attendance: D. Buller, K. Dess, T. Doina, L. Herdle, K. Rossini, A. Symonds,
N. Wiles, A. Murphy, P. Fahey, S. Bungiro, J. Ulstad, Joe Walker, S. Murphy

Staff: S. Cochran, L. Castrilli

Absent: A. Kaplan, S. Wheeler, Officer York.

I. Chairperson's Comments

Kathleen Dess welcomed the board back from the holiday. Also welcomed Scott Murphy, the new BOS liaison and introductions were made.

II. Citizens Comments - None.

III. Approval of November 1, 2016 minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2016 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by K. Rossini and seconded by D. Buller. Motion approved with one abstention.

IV. Correspondence

- None

V. Treasurer's Report

- No Report.

VI. Donation of \$275.00 from Essex Meadows in Kathleen Dess's honor

- Motion to accept the donation of \$275.00 was made by L. Herdle and seconded by T. Doina. Motion carried. Kathleen would like to have the donation earmarked for scholarships for students.

VII. Staff Presentation: Angela Ahern, Assistant Director Clinical Services and Melissa Balletto, Assistant Director, Prevention Services

This is Melissa's second year as Assistant Director. She is very excited that Youth Services is at full staff. Melissa gave an overview of all the prevention programs.

- Peer Advocate training groups 115 and 116 are finished. They are taking applications for two new groups which will start in Feb.
- Peer Advocate Alumni meets once a month at DHHS.
- Reach Out meets in the summer to welcome all new students to DHHS. They welcomed 21 students this year. D. Buller mentioned that 2 new students started at DHHS. Melissa will follow up with the Guidance Office.
- Peer Helper has finished two training groups this year and trained 30 students.
- Violence Prevention is a 5 day program for the Junior Health classes that Katie Volz co-facilitates with Peg Butler.

- Allies Program is at Brown Middle School and meets 6 times. It is a version of Peer Helpers that meets once a week and are connected with special ed students.
- Safe Rides has given 81 rides so far this year. Thirty students called for rides over homecoming weekend. There are 14 adult volunteers.
- Peer Mentoring at Brown School has 14 matches and there are students on the waiting list.
- Girls Group- has 11 7th and 8th grade girls at Polson School.
- GASP meets on Friday after school and there are 51 students.
- All the Prevention Programs are going well.

This is Angela's first year as Assistant Director. She oversees 7 clinicians.

- This is the first year that the Revenue for the Parenting Course has met its goal due to a program that Sandy Ferrucci brought in. The program was a Mother/Daughter Night out. The first one was so successful they did it a second time and would like to continue this next year.
- Revenue for clinical services is a little behind the pace in comparison to this point last year, and possible contributing factors were discussed.
- There is an increase in the SCOPE cases and referrals. Contributing factors were discussed.
- The clinic is moving to utilizing electronic records software known as "Therapynotes", to help make clinical documentation and billing more efficient.
- Angela also spoke of the Suicide Prevention program that was held in the fall. She would like to do this every year.

VIII. Budget

- Scott thanked the Board for the feedback they gave on the budget at the last meeting . The Budget has been submitted to the town. There may be voluntary budget presentations to a joint session of BOS/BOF. Scott thinks it is important to present our budget in order to include our plan to bring MADE staff into the department . Tom Scarice has offered to be present during our presentations and would like MYFS to be present during the MPS budget presentation. Scott invited the Board to come to the budget presentation. He will let them know when it will be.

IX. Schedule and Location of Board Meetings for 2017

- The Madison Youth and Family Services Board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month except for July and August – No meeting in those months. We will meet at the Senior Center, in the Conference Room.

X. Student Report

- Before the school break, there was a Spirit week which everyone seemed to like, it ended with a Pep Rally on Friday. This was the first time there was a Pep Rally for winter sports, it wasn't too well attended because a lot of students were not in school that day.

- Patrick did not meet with Mr. Saluturi yet to discuss using the PAW groups for time management.
- Patrick and Abbey will give tours to the 8th grade students when they come to visit the high school.

XI. Director's Report

- **Staffing Update**-Promotions went through for Wendy and Lou Anne
- **Facilities Update**-3 contractors have come to give quotes on the basement. The project is slated to be done between now and the spring of 2017.
- **Board Feedback**- Scott would like feedback on a retreat between the board and the staff. He discussed this with the staff and one idea was to get together for dinner before a Board meeting to get to know each other. We might do this at the March meeting. Stay tuned.
- Lianne was asked to take pictures of the board in an effort to better acquaint Board/staff. Scott proposed getting a bio of each Board member to be posted on our FB page as a means to promote our Board and the good work they do.

XII. Friends of Madison Youth

- A contractor for the new roof has been approved, however no date set for the work to begin. Leaks continue to be a serious problem.
- Funding was secured through BOF to reconstruct the skate park at the Surf Club.
- Robyn is utilizing a grant for to fund the "Unfocused" teen variety show program in cooperation with Madison public access cable TV.
- FOMY would like to explore partnering with surrounding communities to get more kids involved.
- FOMY's hope is to move towards being more integrated with MYFS services.

XIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:55 pm. Motion carried.