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Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from February 2, 2016

In attendance: D. Buller, K. Dess, L. Herdle, S. Hoffman, A. Kaplan, M. Lorenz, J. McLain, K. Rossini, A. Symonds, P. Fahey, J. Bruciati, J. Walker, Sargent Race.

Staff: S. Cochran, L. Castrilli, C. Barden, K. Sandler.
Absent: None

I. Chairperson's Comments

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. Chairperson thanked everyone for coming to meeting. Welcome to Catherine Barden, Coalition Coordinator of M.A.D.E. and Kristin Sandler, Assistant Coalition Coordinator of M.A.D.E.

II. Citizen's Comments

None

III. Approval of January 5, 2016 minutes

Motion to approve the January 5, 2016 minutes was made by L. Herdle and seconded by S. Hoffman. 1 abstention. Motion approved.

IV. Correspondence

- Thank you note to Derek Cornwell from the Madison Newcomers Club. Derek spoke to the Newcomers Club about Safe Rides and other programs at MYFS.
- Thank you note to the Board from Marj Adler for the gifts and wonderful support over the years. Marj retired on Jan. 28. 2016.

V. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to accept a donation of \$458.61 from Ryerson School to purchase gift cards for families in need of services during the winter was made by A. Symonds and seconded by J. McLain. Motion accepted.

VI. Staff Update: M.A.D.E. Catherine Barden, Coalition Coordinator/Kristin Sandler, Assistant Coalition Coordinator

- Stress Management Task Force meets once a month. Next meeting will be Feb. 11 at MYFS from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.
- The results of the survey are in, the results will be shared in the community and data will be provided to assist with the long range planning process.
- Need to think about sustainability since we are in the seventh year of the ten year grant.
- Collaborating with Shoreline Share and Project Courage to present a Parent Academy workshop on Stress and Anxiety on Feb. 23 at Westbrook High School from 6:30 – 8:00 pm and April 26 at Memorial Town Hall in Madison.
- M.A.D.E. presented a Youth Mental Health Aid Training course. Very well received.
- Catherine and Kristin went over the survey results.
- Break out session, two groups-one to discuss Anxiety and Depression and one to discuss gender issues to come up with an Action Plan for Long Term Planning.

VII. Student Report

- Peer Helpers did a presentation of "Spread the Word to end the R Word".
- Students are stressed when they are out sick and miss a class because it is a snowball effect when trying to catch up and it makes more stress for students.

VIII. Budget Update

- **CIP Update** – the concrete floor is still in CIP for FY 16-17, pending further review.
- **Air quality/facilities update**- Mark Granville interviewed the nine staff members who filled out the Air Quality form. Next step will be to look at the attic and basement. Mark will send in a report.

IX. Friends of Madison Youth

- Daddy/Daughter Dance is Saturday.
- There was a 6th grade dance and everyone had fun.
- Auditions for another play are starting.
- Next FOMY Board meeting will be Thursday morning at 9:30 am.

X. Staffing Update

- **Staff Transitions** - Angela Ahern is the new Assistant Director of Youth and Family Services. She has officially moved into the MYFS building.
- Second round interviews for the School Based Clinician position will be on Friday at Brown School. Three candidates are being asked to return.
- Marj Adler's last day was Thursday, Jan. 28, 2106. The Parent Support Counselor position was reposted and we will be setting up interviews next week.
- **Update on Job Reclassification/appeals.** There were four employees that went through the appeals process. None of the MYFS appeals were successful. Per H.R., Youth and Family Services can reorganize within the department to address the classification issues.

XI. Director's Report

- We had a baby shower for Kristin Sandler today.
- Tom Scarice, Superintendent of Schools is co-sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch with R.J. Julia on April 1.
- Country School is sponsoring an event on Thursday at 6:15 pm – Most Likely to Succeed.
- MYFS is working on tools to better communicate with kids and parents, (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) The student representatives said kids use Instagram to keep in touch with their friends. They wouldn't use it to track events.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Buller at 9:12 pm.