

Subject to Approval
Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from May 12, 2020

In Attendance: A. Aron, P. Davies, T. Doina, K. Kilbourn, L. LaPorta, K. Dess, D. Buller, L. LaPorta, J. M. Parker, J. Rogers, S. Snyder, Sergeant Yorke, J. Daignault, R. Xeller, S. Murphy, A. Symonds, L. Kaplan, K. Kilbourn, L. Rhines

Staff: S. Cochran, M. Fahey

Absent: K. Snow

I. Welcome and Chairperson Comments

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Citizens Comments

None

III. Approval of February 11, 2020 minutes

Motion to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes was made by K. Dess and seconded by D. Buller.

Motion approved.

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Treasurer's Report - A. Aron

- Motion to approve the following donations made by P. Davies and seconded by K. Kilbourn:
 - \$1340 "Giftcard Project" in variety of gift cards to local businesses, target recipients TBD
 - \$500 from Dennis Zoufaly in the form of fifty \$10 gift cards to School House Deli, target recipients TBD
- Motion approved.
- A. Aron reported that the Sunshine Fund has \$40 which reflects the recent memorial donations and a gift for the graduating student liaison.

VI. Director's Report

- S. Cochran provided MYFS updates regarding Covid-19
- PYD (Positive Youth Development) were holding Zoom meetings from the very beginning of remote operations in March. Most groups are 10-12 students—and some groups have had more than 40 students. Staff have made adjustments to programs in line with current events.
- Erin Corbett and Taylor Scalia (our school-based clinicians) have played a vital role in helping their school-based clients to cope/adapt to being home and virtual learning.

- The clinic has rolled out tele-health services to all clinical clients who want to participate. The tele-health utilized by MYFS service is HIPAA compliant and billing procedures were modified as needed. The clinic has been able to take on new clients as well.
- Social Services has been busy administering financial assistance and case management. MYFS developed a specific Covid-19 Assistance Program/COVID IMPACT for Madison families affected by the Pandemic. This program is funded directly by N2N and provides direct financial assistance to eligible recipients. It is expected that we may be able to help some families more than once, as long as the funding is available.
- Social Services to provide relief for energy assistance for some clients that were waiting longer for their state applications to be processed. Processing times have been substantially longer due to the pandemic.
- MYFS will be having their awards ceremony on 6/2. It will be a car parade and a virtual ceremony.
- S. Cochran thanked the Board for their support related to the Town budget process including those who sent emails to Board of Finance in support of MYFS.

VII. Student Report

- Lauren reported that some students are feeling “overworked” and high school seniors are experiencing a wide mix of emotions and have uncertainty regarding end of year celebrations.
- L. Kaplan reported that the Peer Advocate meetings had been modified and were offered by specific to each grade level (Senior, Junior, etc.).
- J. Daignault reported that most DHHS students appear to be managing their classes and workloads and expressed his frustration as a student feeling overwhelmed by the requirements of AP classes that include virtual class time, class work and homework.
- Student reps intend to request a meeting with TJ Salutari to express their concerns and contribute ideas towards possible solutions. Several MYFS board members verbalized support and offered to join that meeting if appropriate.
- J. Daignault reported that his ‘Forgive a Friend’ Campaign has seen widespread approval.

VIII. Chairperson Comments

IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:13.