

## Bloomfield Youth Adult Council

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Minutes

Attendance: Pat Maneggia, Yolanda Jenkins, Breonna Sykes, Hector Colon, Shander George, Tina Parchin, Shasona Cassells, Carla Ladson, Donna Maitland-Ward, Roger Bunker

1. March 2016 program and service report – Written report was distributed to members. Discussed the progress with groups, special events and trips. (See attached report).

2. Spring Schedule

Upcoming April Events/Programs: Having Our Say at Hartford Stage, USA Women’s Soccer Team, Intergenerational Wii Luncheon, Police and Youth Forum, Police and Youth Geocaching trip, Launch Trampoline Park, Police and Youth Community Crusaders.

Upcoming May Events/Programs: Police and Youth Community Crusaders, Circus, Walk Like MADD, Teens vs Machines: The Ultimate Teen Challenge Night, New Britain Bees, Caribbean Family Night Performance and Dinner at Laurel School

3. 2016-2017 Fiscal Outlook - Projections for this year’s budget deficit continue to grow for the State. Another round of rescissions will result in additional cuts for YSB funding from the State Department of Education and the grants for after-school programs. Challenging to communities because cuts and rescissions have been approved at the State level but official notification has not been given to communities and agencies. Some of our grants have already been paid in full for this year while others have not. Makes it more difficult to plan for the fourth quarter. Budget approval for the Town is scheduled for Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council members discussed potential alternative funding sources for next year. Expressed concerns about services and programs offered by Social and Youth Services being impacted, particularly those that are grant supported. Members believe service levels should remain consistent and not reduced.

4. Tabled Vision Quest working session until the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

5. The annual Volunteer Banquet for youth, adults and Grand Pals contributing 20-200+ hours annually for Youth Services programs is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in the multi-purpose room at Senior Services.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Youth Adult Council will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 in the “Great Room” at the Alvin and Beatrice Wood Human Services Center.