

BLOOMFIELD YOUTH ADULT COUNCIL

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Social and Youth Services

2nd Floor – YEZ Room 6:00P.M.

Alvin and Beatrice Wood Human Services Center, 330 Park Avenue

Co-Chair: Joyce Betts

Co-Chair: Hector Colon

Council Members: Roger Bunker, Officer Robert Wilkins, Sgt. John Fox, Yolanda Jenkins, Bethany Silver, Stacey McCann, Jesse White, Patterson Crocker, Shander George, Carla Ladson, Juanita Richardson, Eric Martin, Breonna Sykes, Tina Parchin, Caryn Wallace, Jackson Felix, Donna Ward, Shasona Cassells, Raeleen McMillan, Leon Rivers, Pat Maneggia

1. Meeting called to order at 6:07p.m.
2. Attendance: Joyce Betts, Breonna Sykes, Yolanda Jenkins, Hector Colon, Kenan Vugdalic, Roger Bunker, Carla Ladson, Shander George, Bethany Silver, Pat Maneggia
Guests: Colleen Middleton, Michell Waterman
3. Old Business
 - A. Program Reports
 - a. Juvenile Justice – Michell Waterman, Juvenile Justice Support Services Worker reported on the Juvenile Review Board program; demographics of the youth involved, nature of the issues being addressed and the JRB process. She reported on the activities in the Police and Youth Community Crusaders program. The group focuses on building positive relationships between police and youth in the community. Thirteen youth and members from the police department meet twice per month. Meetings began on 9/26. Teambuilding activities, field trips and a joint community service project are scheduled for 10 sessions, before a family night celebration is scheduled. Community service project will be “Bloomfield Teens Crusade Against T1D” to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Motion made and carried to provide a maximum of \$400 for JDRF fundraiser.
 - b. Foster Care Support Network continues to provide support services for children in Bloomfield in Foster Care, Relative Guardianships, or DCF involved Adoptions. October events included; a movie night out and pizza, Celtics vs Hornets Basketball Game, Boo Bash, Harlem Wizards Basketball Game, and a Family Fall Harvest Dinner and Game Night. Youth also helped with dinner set-up and assisted with packing Goodie bags for the Boo Bash as community service projects.
 - c. Yolanda Jenkins reported on the CAIS Journeys after-school program. 65 registered youth in 5th and 6th grades. After snack and homework time, youth enjoy a variety of activities in the cafeteria and gym including; teambuilding, large group games, board games, arts and crafts, contests.
 - d. Yolanda Jenkins reported on the Step-Up Club involving 15 youth from CAMS Youth Academy and 12-15 Senior Grand Pals. Two Fridays a month are dedicated to Intergenerational Activities. The other 2 Fridays focus on fun and entertaining positive youth development activities.

e. Bloomfield Youth Action Club – Recruiting members for this year. Late start due to staff shortage. Pat, Ms. J and Mr. Mitchell will continue as advisors. First meeting to be held on the last Wednesday in November.

B. Special Events and Field Trips

- a. 10/6 – 4 staff participated in the CT Youth Services Association Annual Conference
- b. 10/8 – Celtics vs Hornets Basketball Game – 30 participants
- c. 10/21 - BOO BASH – 500+ children and parents
- d. 10/26 – Alvin Ailey II – Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts – 30 participants
- e. Upcoming in November- Pow Wow at Mashantucket Pequot Museum, The Piano Lesson at Hartford Stage, UCONN Women’s Basketball Games

5. New Business

- A. 2015-2016 Service Reports Motion made and carried to table discussion
- B. Youth Adult Council 2017 Meeting Schedule – Motion made and carried to schedule Youth Adult Council meeting as follows; 1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 9/5, 10/3, 11/14, and 12/5.
- C. Holiday Sharing Program – Motion made and carried to sponsor 2 children in the Bloomfield Holiday Sharing Program for a total of \$300, \$150 per child.

6. Public Comment

A. Members discussed the start of a new Community Awareness Task Force and reviewed the discussions held recently at the First Cathedral meeting held on 10/27 attended by Bloomfield Police Department and members from local houses of worship.

B. Ms. Silver reported on the successful start-up of the extended day enrichment programs at Laurel and Metacomet Elementary Schools, funded through the Hartford Foundation For Public Giving. She also shared that BHS and GEMS students are currently involved with SAT Testing, results to be reported in December.

7. Motion made and carried to accept minutes from October 4, 2016 meeting.

8. Motion made and carried to adjourn at 7:20p.m.