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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Department of Human Services

### Youth-Adult Council

Tim Manke, Chairperson



Karen Futoma  
Director

**Monday, September 8, 2014**  
**Conference Rm. 117 (near Town Manager's office)**

## MINUTES

- I.** Call to Order: 7pm.
  - a. In attendance: Rik Huggard, Karen Futoma, Tim Cunningham, Joshua Shulman, Enzo Zocco, Paulina Colon, Tim Manke, Pat Pierce
  
- II.** Approval of June 9, 2014 minutes  
Minutes were approved
  
- III.** HOOPLA review/ideas-Sandy Pilz  
Discussion will be tabled until the next meeting/Sandy was unable to attend
  
- IV.** Use of YAC/CASAC funds (Memorial Day Parade, number/\$ amount of scholarships, Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings/public education, Human Services Youth programs, 6FI campaign with Human Rights Commission, School programs. Monies will be dispersed as follows:
  - a. Project Graduation-\$500
  - b. Human Services Youth Programs-\$3000
  - c. Advertisement for internet safety program-\$200
  - d. Youth Mental Health First Aid Books-\$500
  - e. Reserve money-\$300 for other programs that may arise
  
- V.** Student YAC representation 2014-2015  
Last year's members reported to Officer Cunningham that they would continue to attend YAC meetings. There was however, no youth representation tonight. David Karpf graduated and is no longer a member.
  
- VI.** Reports
  - a. Youth-none
  - b. SEAN (Special Education Alliance of Newington): Events to come: meet and greet with parents, hike on September 28<sup>th</sup>, transition program with UCONN planned in October and November.
  - c. Police: Motor cycle event coming up in October.

- d. Library: Over the summer, high school students volunteered in the library. These students did a great job. The library is now looking for students for the fall.
- e. School Administration: The year got off to a smooth start administratively. NHS dealt with a loss of a student during the first week of school. The Kellogg and NHS crisis teams collaborated and planned for the support that our faculty and students would need and human services was also called for support.
- f. Town Council-none
- g. Board of Education- First BOE meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, the new academy has been opened at Kellogg Middle School, collective bargaining with teachers' union continues to create a new contract. There is about another month of negotiations to come.
- h. Human Services-
  - 1. Public Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop will be offered Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will also be an evening presentation on depression tentatively October 8<sup>th</sup>, with subsequent depression screening offered, as well.
  - 2. There will be continued work with the mental health issue of hoarding. This is a continued effort from last year. There will be a workshop held in Human Services this Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of social service organizations, fire departments, police departments involved in this workshop as well. There is a plan to form a statewide taskforce on hoarding to enhance the response and remedy to these serious situations, while addressing the underlying mental health concerns.
  - 3. Getting ready for energy assistance and the various services offered for the holidays.

**VII.** Other Business-none

**VIII.** Adjournment-7:45