

NOTICE OF MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 30A, §§18-25)

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Youth Advisory Committee	Thursday	7:30-8:45	Concord Carlisle High School Conference Room
	January 14, 2016		

Attendance:

Jeff Campbell – Chair
 Patty Vasiliadis - Secretary
 Jennifer Clarke – Youth Coordinator
 Scott Camilleri – Detective, School Resource Officer
 Peter Badalament – CCHS Principal
 Karen Bechtel – Concord Carlisle Community Chest
 Suzanne Giles – Former YAB Chair, Community member
 Jen Lannan – Board Member
 Steve Ng – BOS Liaison
 Michelle Ernst – Co-Chair Parent Association
 Lora Venesy – Concord Carlisle Community Chest
 Kate Hodges – Concord Assistant Town Manager

- Jeff Campbell
 1. Opening remarks and welcoming members to meeting.
 2. Minutes from November meeting passed
 3. Introduced Kate Hodges – Assistant Town Manager
- Assistant Town Manager – Kate Hodges
 1. Started working in the town in February 2015. She gave us an overview of her work history: a social worker in a mental health department, juvenile detention services, & youth services in Connecticut; Director of Park & Recreation in Littleton which merged with Youth Services for 8 years.
 2. Working with Christopher Whelan, Town Manager, to understand and assess needs of youth services. Assisting with conversations regarding issues & bringing information to town meetings.

3. Continued funding for Jennifer and health services through Concord Carlisle Community Chest. In addition, the town is picking up 30% of cost for need in Human Services
 4. Proposed a 5-Year plan to bring Jennifer's position into full time town position
 5. Working with the Recreation Department to decrease cost of Summer Programing; looking to hire more high school students as camp counselors.
 6. Explained the breakdown of who reports into her within the town. Identified a new and first time Public Information Officer, Sean Dugan started in September, hosted a forum @ the Public House.
 7. Her goal is to have a Human Services Advisory Board
- Principal Report – Peter Badalament
 1. Wellness Committee: Health Week February 29 – March 4
 2. Youth Risk Behavior Survey to be administered in March; Additional questions added regarding prescription medication; Taken every two years; working with Emerson Hospital and other agencies; Results are compared to state averages nationally & regionally; Results anticipated in June
 3. Student Senate Blood Drive: in school & on weekend. Date TBD
 4. Suggestion from Jeff Campbell to have student representative on committee and supported by Peter
 - Steve Ng – BOS Liaison:
 1. Would support a student representative on the YAB committee
 2. Suggested a liaison to the recreation department
 3. Would review changes to charter to coincide with Human Services
 - Karen Bechtel – Concord Carlisle Community Chest
 1. Gave praise for work during the holiday season by Jennifer and the Human services for providing food and items for those in need in our community
 - Suzanne Giles – YAB Community member
 1. Suggested a Coffee House for teens where they can come and talk with other teens and adults about difficulties or stresses they are experiencing
 2. Eliot Center has hired an individual for Community Outreach through a Middlesex County grant
 - Scott Camilleri – School Resource Officer
 1. Gave a special thank you to Jennifer and Aileen Buford for deliveries made during the holiday season
 2. Mentioned the Mental Health Training program for Police

- Additional information:
 1. Further discussions with Emerson Hospital, Chief O'Connor, Jennifer Clark and others to discuss the use of opioids in the community.

**** ALL INFORMATION/LINKS ABOUT YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
AND EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN WEBSITE**

- Next meeting April 14, 2016 – 7:30 am - Concord-Carlisle High School Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Vasiliadis