

Waterford Youth and Family Services

Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday August 17, 2022

In Person

Present: M. Buscetto (Chairman), M. Cristofaro, D. Gorman (Human Services Administrator), K. Elbaum, E. McNamara, J. Dunkerly, C. Muckle, J. Nazarchyk, L. Sachatello, Officer D. Lane, S. Damon

Absent: R. Brule (First Selectman), M. Balestracci (Chief of Police), S. Cash, M. Greer, T. Moore, B. Smith, J. Smith, J. Trelly, D. Valentine

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm and a quorum was established
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Minutes were approved by J. Nazarchyk and seconded by M. Cristofaro
3. Correspondence: No new correspondence
4. Directors Report & financial Report: D. Gorman welcomed and introduced new appointee S. Damon (Park and Rec) to the Youth and Family Services Advisory Board. She also informed the board that T. Moore and J. Filapotti are new from the Board of Education and Finance. D. Gorman reported that mental health services have continued to be in demand and that Youth and Family Services is bringing on two new contract clinicians – one of our clinicians is leaving us after 10 years of service.. She reported that Eileen Sullivan is leaving to go to Recreation and Parks. A backpack and school give away drive will be happening for two days the week of August 22nd. Youth and Family Services did receive the Summer Enrichment Grant that went towards scholarships for Camp DASH.
5. Program Report: D. Gorman reported that Camp DASH had an incredible summer. Were able to provide scholarships to children in need. D. Gorman stated that over 500 children attended camp this summer with a staff of 90. Survey's for camp went out to families on the summer camp experience and have been very positive. D. Gorman reported that all of leadership team would be returning next summer.
6. Student Report: J. Dunkerly reported that school begins in 2 weeks and that at the high school there would be new administration in both the principal and vice principal positions. Mental health is still a concern for students and transition back from hybrid and online learning to in person learning.
7. Old Business: No old business

8. New Business: No new business

9. Meeting to adjure was made by M. Buscetto and seconded by J. Nazarchyk at 5:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Meaghan Lineburgh, Recording Secretary