



Norwich Youth & Family Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Norwich Prevention Council

THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

April 23rd, 2019

Time: 8:45 a.m.

Attendance

Present: Angelo Callis (NYFS), Pat McMahon (Community Member), Tiana Powell (PFS), Steve Callender (Norwich PD), Sue dub (Uncas Health), Jodi Savage (NFA), Jaime Miller (Norwich Tech), Kerry Sisson (Joshua center).

Excused: Katelyn Wagner (Norwich Public Schools), Gail Palladino Marsh (Juvenile Probation), Deb Barber (DCF), Judith Post (Community Member), Christine Goracy (NYFS).

Absent:

Review of October's Meeting Minutes

- Accepted by consensus.

Old Business

- **Board Members Month in Review:**
 - **Sue:** Uncas is working with Perception Program for a needle exchange to start in July. They will also increase their Hep-C and HIV testing. Perceptions program has seen 35 people in Norwich since January. Their goal is for users to use clean needles to spread any diseases.
- **Juvenile Review Board:** Steve reported that the JRB saw 16 kids last month. Majority are fights with other kids, police or campus security. Christine has developed and will implement an anger management called Health Choices as a diversion. They will meet for 8 weeks, once a week for an hour. Attendees must attend school in Norwich or live in Norwich.
- **Middle School Diversion:** Tiana and intern Lexi have finished their girls group from Teachers called *Voices*. Lexi will be leaving but Tiana will continue the group in the next school year. Andre has started up his boys group with Kelly STEAM.

New Business

- **Youth Service Award:** They will be presented on May 3rd at City Hall in Norwich. We have 9 kids.
- **World Youth Day:** Also on Friday, May 3rd. We will be handing out lock boxes.
- **Summer Jam & Learn:** Angelo reported that we received our first donation of \$2500 from Dime Bank. The model is successful so we will keep it the same.

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- **Vaping Compliance Checks:** We will be putting this off until summer with SERAC.
- **Suicide Prevention Walk:** Walk is this Saturday, April 27th.
- **Suicide Prevention Week:** During that week they will have information table at sporting events, they will have morning announcements for suicide prevention/awareness and they have a dress down day to wear teal. Angelo will be doing Question Persuade Refer (QPR) trainings.

- **Steered Straight:** Michael DeLeon will be back to present to NFA students on May 16 and parents/community members on May 15. The presentations will be on vaping and marijuana.
- **SOR Grant:** If granted we would like to purchase fentanyl testing strips. People using will be able to test if their drug has fentanyl in it before using which could cause overdose/death.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Next Meeting:

May 21st, 2019 at 8:45am Youth & Family Services 75 Mohegan Rd
