

## DRAFT

### Madison Youth and Family Services Board Minutes April 6, 2010

In attendance: C. Richer-Fanelli, R. Klaskin, A. Plummer, M. Cohn, L. Hagan, M. S. Zaccagnino,  
K. Dess, L. Burzenski, C.J. Gladstone, A. Goldberg, S. Sadowski  
Staff: D. Melillo, W. Larson, L. Ruderfer  
Absent: P. Lamberti, L. Santry,

#### CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

The chairperson opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone.

#### MINUTES

Motion to approve the March minutes made by L. Hagan and seconded by S. Sadowski . Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- A Motion to accept a \$5,000 donation from the Madison Foundation, to be used for emergency funding was made by R. Klaskin, seconded by S. Sadowski and unanimously accepted.
- A Motion to accept a \$3,000 donation from the Leipold Foundation for Music Therapy was made by S. Zaccagnino, seconded by C.J. Gladstone and unanimously accepted.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from CYSA regarding possible cut to the Youth Service Bureau's Enhancement Grant E-mail sent by David Klein with regards to what programs the schools have in place that addresses a variety of current issues. MYFS programs were listed and we were acknowledged. M. Cohn and R. Klaskin volunteered to be readers for the Peer Advocates applications for the Katie Battison Scholarship.

#### STUDENT REPORT

- There's a feeling of intensity over the Academic requirements right now.
- Spring Sports have begun
- Two DHHS students are still in the Chem. Olympiads.
- The DHHS musical is coming up.
- A discussion regarding the survey results that students felt the largest asset challenge was having Creative Activities. The lack of funding provided to artistic programs, the struggle to balance academics with these activities as well as scheduling difficulties were seen as factors.

#### JOB RECLASSIFICATION INITIATIVE

- Kathleen Dess reported that she, David and Rita Umile did meet and discussed a new tool that would include an assets test, to be used for Job reclassifications. They will meet next with the Job Evaluation Committee on 4/22 in an effort to have the tool implemented. Kathleen expressed that when she left the meeting she felt that Rita as very supportive and positive. Al Goldberg explained the history of the Job Evaluation Committee and its function to advise the BOS, but it was the BOS who determines salaries.

#### FY 2010-2011 BUDGET UPDATE

- David updated the Board that the request for a Senior Services Director was still in the Budget, but that the BOF required an additional \$23,000 cut to MY&FS budget to cover the expense.
- David handed out a list of proposed cuts to meet this requirement. S. Sadowski stated she was impressed with the effort and creativity David made to come up with these cuts. She and other

Board members expressed their concern about the future of some positions that were effected and the impact that it might have on hiring in the future, should replacements be necessary.

- Maggie C. expressed deep concern over the proposed cut to reduce the Peer Helper Weekends to two from three. This prompted a discussion on why this was decided and perhaps doing fundraisers to provide the funds necessary. One area of discussion was the difficulty in finding enough suitable candidates for the program. Both S. Sadowski and C.J. Gladstone agreed that when the teachers need to identify students for the program it's not so easy to find them. David also suggested that the Music Therapy program would better address the "fringe" students that aren't necessarily a fit for the Peer Helper program.

A MOTION to accept the proposed cuts was made by S. Zaccagnino, seconded by S. Sadowski, the motion was approved with one opposed vote.

### M.A.D.E. Update

Laurie Ruderfer, M.A.D.E. Coalition Coordinator presented an update to the Board on the survey results and how the coalition has grown since the last presentations of the results to the community were made. She stated how the results "cemented" what was needed in the community of Positive Youth Development and Assets.

Laurie discussed what was next to be determined was exactly what the focus is going to be. Areas to discuss would be:

- Where students get access to Alcohol
- What are other groups doing to reduce access
- How to change the culture of the community
- How the Coalition can become a resource for the community

The last part of the discussion was the more assets a child has the more connected they are and the less likely to make poor decisions.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given

### ADJOURN

A motion by K. Dess and seconded by S. Zaccagnino was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion accepted.