

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

7pm

Meeting Place: Zoom

Madison Youth and Family Services Minutes

David Buller, Chairperson, called the meeting of 3-8-22 to order at 7:03. Also in attendance were: S. Snyder, B. Skudder, D. McMahon, R. Wahl, C. Breckheimer, S. Murphy, R. Xeller, J. Yorke, K. Dess, C. Maisano, J. Rogers, and MYFS staff: S. Clarke, S. Cochran, and M. Fahey.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome—David Buller, Chairperson.
 - D. Buller welcomed C. Maisano, the newest member of MYFS board.
 - D. Buller proposed that the MYFS Board meet in person on 4-12-22.
 - D. Buller asked if there were any objections to meeting in person and encouraged anyone who had concerns to reach out to S. Cochran or to D. Buller.
 - S. Cochran emphasized that the meeting will be in person at the Memorial Town Hall—unless something else is communicated through email.
3. Approval of minutes from February 8, 2022. Motion made by R. Xeller and seconded by J. Rogers; C. Maisano abstained. Motion approved.
4. Public Comment—None
5. Correspondence—
 - M. Fahey referred board members to their email to read a copy of the thank you note from A. Symonds.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Status update on budget and special projects
 - S. Cochran stated that the operational budget for MYFS had been approved by the BOS and was moving on to BOF.
 - S. Cochran discussed the two additional requests made by MYFS.
 - The request made to make the part-time Parent Support Counselor position full-time was declined; S. Cochran will

plan to apply for American Recovery Act funds as an alternative funding strategy.

- The request to re-grade the (2) school-based clinician positions was maintained by the BOS and forwarded on to the BOF.
- S. Cochran discussed the recent referendum and approval of the Academy Project.
- S. Cochran discussed in general the next steps of the Academy project.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Treasurer's Report – Andrea Aron

- D. Buller, in A. Aron's absence, reminded board members that they can drop off sunshine donations at the MYFS office.

8. Student Report – Darian McMahon and Rebe Wahl

- R. Wahl reported that “Jane Doe No More” has been rescheduled for 3/25/22 at DHHS.
 - “Jane Doe No More” is a program where victims of sexual assault tell their stories.
 - There will be one male and one female speaker.
- D. McMahon reported on the new ‘mask suggested’ policy at DHHS and how well it has been going for those who have chosen to continue to wear masks as well as for those who have chosen to go mask-free.
- D. McMahon discussed the follow-up meeting that he and K. Beiner had with winter sports captains.
 - The goal of the meeting was to make sure captains felt comfortable talking about sexual harassment and sexual assault and to get feedback from the captains.
 - D. McMahon reminded the board that this is a pilot program and they will meet again with the spring sports captains and this program will continue to evolve.
- R. Wahl reported on the upcoming exam schedule at DHHS, including the return of the 30 minute break between exams and also the return of therapy dogs.
- R. Wahl discussed the “FAQ” project where students could participate with teachers on a google doc, prior to exams, and ask questions.

- R. Wahl discussed a possible Dodgeball Tournament sponsored by Roots.
 - D. McMahon discussed dates for spring events, including proms and graduation.
 - D. Buller thanked R. Wahl and D. McMahon for their student report.
9. Staff presentation – Sharon Clarke, Coordinator of Office Management and Molly Fahey, Admin. Asst.
- S. Cochran introduced Sharon Clarke and Molly Fahey.
 - S. Clarke has been with MYFS for 10 years; M. Fahey has been with MYFS for 3 years.
 - S. Clarke handles budgets, billing and all things having to do with insurance; she also maintains the MYFS social media pages and attends Chamber of Commerce and the Town Safety Committee meetings.
 - S. Clarke discussed her role as the MYFS decorator and organizer. Decorating is done with a very small budget; and her biggest organizing achievements include cleaning out the attic and the supply closet after years of neglect.
 - M. Fahey answers phones and greets guests/clients while screening for urgent issues.
 - M. Fahey stated she is the tech helper/zoom master and is responsible for some of the agency data; she also keeps track of and orders supplies as needed.
 - S. Clarke stated that both she and M. Fahey collaborate on daily room assignments for clinicians as MYFS deals with space limitations.
10. Director’s Report – Scott Cochran, Director
- S. Cochran discussed the padfolios and gift cards delivered to board members.
 - S. Cochran discussed the Girls United event—“Shining a Light on Sexual Violence” which will be held on Sunday 4/3/22 at 6:30 and urged board members to come and support the event.
 - S. Cochran shared that representatives from “Jane Doe No More” will be the guest speaker at the Girls United event.
 - S. Cochran reported that the Annual MYFS Awards Night will hopefully be in person.
 - S. Cochran shared that MYFS has been invited to discuss the survey results at a BOE meeting on 4/5/22.

- S. Cochran informed the board that MYFS will be doing a QPR training at the North Madison Congregational Church at 11:30 AM on Sunday 3/20/22.
- S. Cochran discussed the lack of affordable housing in the area and that there are several families currently facing a housing issue.
- S. Cochran reported that there is a waitlist for youth in need of counseling at the MYFS clinic.
- S. Cochran relayed to the board that MYFS staff are hearing that youth are very concerned about the war in Ukraine.
- S. Cochran thanked the board for their continued support of MYFS.

11. Liaison Report –TBD

- J. Yorke reported on the success of the ‘lock it or lose it’ program.
- S. Murphy reported on several items from the BOS:
 - The beach bill could affect the town, but it needs to make it out of committee to the floor of the state legislature.
 - Trees will be planted at Salt Meadow Park.
 - The Budget Referendum will be on 5/17/22.
 - S. Murphy expressed excitement about the future of Madison.

12. Chairperson Comments – David Buller, Board Chair

- None.

13. Open Discussion–Board members encouraged to ask questions, provide input.

- S. Cochran discussed the past 2 years of living with Covid and encouraged everyone to ‘look forward.’

14. Adjournment—Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Fahey
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 Madison Youth and Family Services