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Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from March 12, 2019

In Attendance: A. Aron, D. Buller, P. Davies, K. Dess, T. Doina, K. Kilbourn, L. LaPorta, J. M. Parker, J. Rogers, S. Snyder, A. Symonds, R. Xeller, B. Skudder.

Staff: S. Cochran, L. Castrilli, E. Corbett, T. Scalia.

Absent: L. Kaplan, J. McKeown, S. Murphy, J. Fitzgerald, B. Pudlin, Officer J. York

I. Welcome and Chairperson Comments

- Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Approval of January 8, 2019 minutes.

- Motion to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes was made by J. M. Parker and seconded by R. Xeller. Motion approved.

III. Correspondence

- None.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Robert Xeller

- Motion to accept a donation of \$700.00 from DHHS Class of 2013 to be used in support of Madison community members struggling with mental health was made by P. Davies and seconded by K. Dess. Motion approved.
- Collecting for Sunshine Fund, \$20.00 suggested.

V. Student Report – Jacqueline McKeown and Lauren Kaplan, report given by S. Cochran

- Finalizing PAW meetings with Mr. Salutari concerning stress during exam times.
- Questions for Leaders from PAW groups to begin discussions on Stress? Biggest stress? How to cope with stress? Does Breathe week help with stress? How can MYFS be of help?
- MAD LOVE program at DHHS to encourage acts of kindness.
- Board member brought up the fact that Try-out for sports is same week as exams which adds more stress to students. Can this be changed?

VI. Staff Presentation – School-based Clinicians, Erin Corbett and Taylor Scalia

- Erin has 2-3 new clinical referrals every week. She sees students for a lot of stress issues. Family is contributing to stress.
- She co-leads a group at the high school with Derek Cornwell called ROOTS. They are very involved with Breathe week. Therapy dogs are brought in to help with the stress and there is music in the café and coloring stations. ROOTS group just did a project on kindness called

MAD LOVE, giving positive messages to students. They are going to work on Kindness Rocks to be placed outside the school again.

- Erin runs the GASP group and they are working on Pride week project to be held the week before April break. She is taking 19 students to True Colors Conference on Friday and 16 students on Saturday.
- Erin does presentations on gender/sexuality, emotional safety and girl talk.
- Taylor works at Brown and Polson schools. She works with students one on one. She sees a lot of anxiety and social issues. Taylor also helps students with time management and conflict management.
- Taylor presents the Who's Got The Power program, an anti-bullying program to all 6th graders.
- Works with Peg on the Allies program – a 6 week leadership program for 6th graders.
- Counsels 15- 20 students each week, in school and after school in the clinic.
- Taylor just received your licensure to become a LMFT.

VII. Liaison Report – MPD Sgt. Jeremy Yorke

- None

VIII. Director's Report – Scott Cochran, Director

- New Social Services Coordinator hired, Cristal DePietro.
- Free Narcan training on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Madison Senior Center.
- Proposed funding for main YSB grant has increased a small amount due to the addition of a new YSB in the state. There is a proposed 6% cut to Enhancement Grant for next year.
- CYSA to oppose the legalization of the Marijuana bill. Wallingford will have a press conference on Saturday at 11 am concerning this issue.
- Tony made a motion to draft a letter to state representatives in support of opposing the legalization of marijuana. D. Buller seconded motion. Motion passed. Letter will be drafted to be approved at the April meeting.
- Board Staff Enrichment event will be May 7, 2019 at 6 pm in the Senior Center Café. Dinner will be served. Any Board members interested in helping to plan the meeting, please contact Scott.
- June Board meeting date has changed to June 4 at 7 pm.
- Any board member interested in being on the Battison Scholarship Committee, please contact Scott.
- Collaborating with the Country School and local providers for a free parent panel on May 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm. re healthy sexual development.

- Academy School Ad Hoc committee meeting will be held on Thursday from 4 – 6 pm to discuss possibility of Community Center. Scott would will present to that group for how MYFS might be included in a community center if that comes to fruition.
- Suggested reading from D. Buller: “The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas are Setting Up a Generation for Failure.”
- Suggested reading from T. Doina: Dating 101, for the Romantically Challenged Gen Z from a story in the Wall Street Journal.

IX. Citizen’s Comments

- None

X. Chairperson Comments – Tony Doina, Chair

- Executive Board meeting for the May meeting will be April 30, 2019 at 4:30 pm in Scott’s officer.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.