

Subject to Approval
Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from March 9, 2021

In Attendance: A. Aron, P. Davies, K. Dess, D. Buller, S. Snyder, R. Xeller, A. Symonds, D. McMahon, J. Bowler, B. Skudder, Sergeant Yorke, L. LaPorta, J. Daignault, K. Kilbourn

Staff: S. Cochran, M. Fahey, S. Diaz, S. Sutcliffe, E. Corbett

Absent: J. Rogers, J. Fitzgerald, S. Murphy

I. Welcome and Chairperson Comments

P. Davies, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. Citizens Comments

None

III. Approval of March 9, 2021 minutes

Motion to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes was made by R. Xeller and seconded by L. LaPorta.

Motion approved.

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Treasurer's Report - A. Aron

- A. Aron reported that the Sunshine Fund has \$110. Members may drop off their voluntary donation to Sunshine at the MYFS office.
- Motion to approve the following donations was made by R. Xeller and seconded by K. Kilbourn:
 - Motion to approve a donation of \$100 from The Rollins Group.
 - Motion to approve a \$600 anonymous donation of Stop and Shop Gift Cards.
- Motion Approved.

VI. Staff Presentations: MYFS Clinical Interns Sarah Diaz and Sydney Sutcliffe

- S. Sutcliffe discussed growing up in Madison and graduating from DHHS.
- S. Sutcliffe reported on her experience with clients, including a crisis situation, and connections made with the school and community.
- S. Diaz discussed growing up in Clinton and participating in Positive Youth Development programs at Clinton Youth and Family Services.
- S. Diaz reported on her experience with clients and as a group facilitator in a group run for 6th graders.

- Both interns were grateful to MYFS for their positive experience and stated that many of their classmates have not been able to meet with clients.

VII. Student Report – Jake Daignault and Darian McMahon

- J. Daignault reported on a meeting with State Representative JM Parker, Valor and Peer Advocates.
 - The meeting was student-led.
 - Participants sought to educate and inform State leaders and local politicians re youth concerns
- D. McMahon reported on the full opening of DHHS.
 - Some students reported feeling overwhelmed with everyone back in the building.
 - Some students felt good about getting back to normal.
 - Students/Families are doing what works best for them in deciding to be remote or in-person.
 - Some spring sports teams have decided to have students remain remote so the players stay healthy and are not contact-traced.
- Board discussed how the vaccine will affect school and activities.

VIII. Director's Report

- S. Cochran discussed the \$1.7 million Recovery Grant that the town will be getting to help the community come out of the Pandemic and how mental health programming may be a possible use of some of the grant money.
- S. Cochran discussed QPR trainings done in March and an upcoming training on 4/22.
 - 2 community groups have reached out to do QPR trainings.
- S. Cochran reviewed ongoing discussions regarding data collection.
- S. Cochran reminded everyone that the next MYFS Board Meeting will be on 5/11/21 at 6pm and will be a combined Board/Enrichment/Awards Ceremony.
- S. Cochran discussed meetings held with Madison Police Chief, Jack Drumm on the potential for collaboration on programming to address the new police accountability law and how MYFS and MPD can respond to the new law.
 - S. Cochran discussed the importance for Madison to create a model of integrating social workers into the police force that addresses the specific needs of Madison residents.

IX. Liaison Report—J. Yorke, Madison Police Department

- J. Yorke reported on the police accountability law and how Madison is looking at other town models that are integrating human services into the police force.
- J. Yorke discussed differences in costs and structure for smaller towns and larger cities.

X. Chairperson Comments – David Buller, Board Chair

- D. Buller thanked P. Davies for covering for him at the start of the meeting.
- D. Buller thanked the students and the entire board for attending and for the commitment shown by the board at these meetings.

XI. Open Board – Board members encouraged to ask questions and provide input.

- S. Cochran updated Board on MYFS staffing.
- A. Aron attended a MYFS QPR training and called it “valuable,” “insightful,” and “helpful.”

XII. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.