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Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from April 9, 2019

In Attendance: A. Aron, D. Buller, P. Davies, T. Doina, K. Kilbourn, L. LaPorta, A. Symonds, B. Skudder, S. Murphy, B. Pudlin, J. McKeown, Sergeant Yorke.

Staff: S. Cochran, L. Castrilli, C. Nucci, S. Esposito.

Absent: K. Dess, J.M. Parker, J. Rogers, S. Snyder, R. Xeller, L. Kaplan, J. Fitzgerald

I. Welcome and Chairperson Comments

- Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

II. Approval of March 9, 2019 minutes.

- Motion to approve the March 9, 2019 was made by P. Davies and seconded by D. Buller
Motion approved.

III. Correspondence

- None.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Robert Xeller

- Report given by S. Cochran. There is \$248.00 in the Sunshine fund.

V. Student Report – Jacqueline McKeown

- Finalizing PAW meetings with Mr. Salutari concerning stress during exam times.
- PAW meeting will be 2nd period to accommodate for time needed for the stress discussion.
- Vaping is still a huge issue at the HS even though there are hall monitors and restroom monitors.
- Jacqueline would like to see an assembly on vaping, she will be contacting Mr. Salutari about that.
- There will be a mock car crash assembly closer to the date of the Prom.
- A biannual survey will be done with the students next year. Supplemental questions will be added on stress.

VI. Staff Presentation – Christine Nucci, Parent Support Counselor, Shayne Esposito, Intern

- Christine works under the SCOPE grant for parent support counseling. She has served 17 families since she started in Nov. 2018. She also has outpatient caseload of therapy clients in the clinic.
- Her position is now a full year position. She would like to start up some new social skills groups next year.
- She sees a lot of cases of anxiety.
- She works with parents and also observes clients in the classroom and in home settings.
- Shayne is a MSW student at UCONN. This is her first internship with her program.

- Primarily working with clinic. The first half of the year Shayne also worked with the ROOTS group and the second half of the year she worked with the Mentoring program.

- Her last day is April 18.

VII. Liaison Report – MPD Sgt. Jeremy Yorke

- South Central Team came to Academy School for active shooter training for a week. Very worthwhile training.
- Sergeant Yorke also went to a hostage negotiation training.
- We are seeing a lot of stolen cars—Please lock your car doors.

VIII. Director’s Report – Scott Cochran, Director

- MADE had a Narcan training las week with 25 people attending.
- Board/Staff Enrichment Meeting next month will be May 7 at 6 pm at the Senior Center Café. Please get your fun fact in to Sharon.
- May 2, there will be a panel discussion on “Invasion of Innocence” – How the internet is influencing the social, emotional, and sexual development of our kids, at the Country School at 6:30 pm.
- MYFS continues to collaborate with MPS and other stakeholders to develop an assets initiative.
- We are growing in our concern for young adults over the age of 21 and 25 as we are hearing anecdotally of increasing mental health needs.
- Scott thanked the Executive Committee for the meeting with State Senator Christine Cohen, to discuss the issue of opposition to legalization of recreational marijuana.

IX. Citizen’s Comments

- Tuesday, April 30 Polson School will host a conversation sponsored by PRC and MPS about kids, guns and safety.

X. Chairperson Comments – Tony Doina, Chair

- After much discussion, Tony made a motion to accept a letter, as amended, to Governor Ned Lemont on the issue of opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana. L. LaPorta seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.