

Subject to Approval
Madison Youth and Family Services Board
Minutes from June 9, 2020

In Attendance: A. Aron, P. Davies, T. Doina, K. Kilbourn, L. LaPorta, K. Dess, D. Buller, J. M. Parker, J. Rogers, S. Snyder, Sergeant Yorke, J. Daignault, R. Xeller, A. Symonds, L. Kaplan, L. Rhines

Staff: S. Cochran, M. Fahey

Absent: K. Snow, S. Murphy.

I. Welcome and Chairperson Comments

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Citizens Comments

None

III. Approval of May 12, 2020 minutes

Motion to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes was made by K. Dess and seconded by D. Buller.

Motion approved.

IV. Correspondence

M. Fahey read 2 'Thank-you' cards from clients who received money from the Covid Assistance Fund and also noted multiple emails received from grateful clients.

V. Treasurer's Report - A. Aron

- Motion to approve the following donations made by A. Aron and seconded by D. Buller:
 - \$4000 in Stop and Shop gift cards from Neighbor -2- Neighbor.
 - \$5000 for Camp Scholarships from Neighbor -2- Neighbor
- Motion approved.
- A. Aron reported that the Sunshine Fund has \$80 which reflects the recent memorial donations and a gift for the graduating student liaison.

VI. Director's Report

- S. Cochran reported that Jake received the MYFS Humanitarian Award at the MYFS virtual awards ceremony.
- S. Cochran reported that L. Kaplan had been awarded a SHERO Award by the Women and Family Life Center in Guilford. Scott thanked Lauren for her work on the MYFS Board and wished her the best as she graduates and attends UCONN.
- S. Cochran reported that MYFS has continued all programs and services. Some groups will continue to meet in the summer.

- S. Cochran discussed the re-opening of MYFS and town offices.
- S. Cochran discussed his role on the Long Term Recovery Committee.
- S. Cochran discussed the Covid Assistance Program. \$13,000 has been allocated and 26 families have been assisted.
- S. Cochran discussed other potential community needs such as summer camp scholarships and summer daycare expenses.
- S. Cochran discussed the Domestic Violence housing subsidy program that is still being finalized and is accepting referrals to pilot. 1 person has already been approved for the assistance and two more in the process.
- MYFS Summer Community Service Program modifications were discussed.

VII. Student Report

- Lauren reported that some DHHS Seniors are feeling “forgotten” and hope for better communication regarding Senior Events like Brunch and Graduation.
- J. Daignault discussed the upcoming Youth-led protest on Saturday 6-13-20. He has been in contact with the police to discuss logistics.
- J. Daignault commended C. Barden and C. Depietro (MYFS staff) for their support and dedication.

VIII. Board Comments

- JM Parker discussed the recent ‘zoom bombing’ of the Madison Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
- L. Rhines discussed the difference between ‘allowing’ and ‘enforcing’ with regard to the vigil held on the green on Sunday. She clarified the town did not enforce social distancing restrictions because of the respect for people’s first amendment rights.

IX. Chairperson Comments

- T. Doina thanked L. Kaplan for her work on the MYFS Board.

X. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.