

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

7:00 pm

Meeting Place: Memorial Town Hall

Madison Youth and Family Services Minutes

David Buller, Chairperson, called the meeting of 10-11-22 to order at 7:03pm. Also in attendance were: B. Skudder, R. Wahl, J. Yorke, J. Rogers, G. McGrimley, C. McGrady, T. Rizzo, A. Aron, K. Dess, S. Snyder, C. Maisano, R. McMillian, R. Xeller and MYFS staff: S. Cochran, C. Barden M. Fahey and P. Marchese

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome—David Buller, Chairperson.
 - D. Buller welcomed everyone.
3. Approval of minutes from September 13, 2022. Motion made by A. Aron and seconded by K Dess. Motion approved.
4. Public Comment—None
5. Correspondence—None

OLD BUSINESS

6. MYFS Board Overview
 - Final Board meeting dates have been decided, however the March date, (3/14/22), is subject to change as we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary and may need a different date to accommodate a space with larger capacity.
7. The Academy Advisory Committee has an opening for a MYFS Board member as a liaison. Two members have expressed interest but cannot attend for the time of the meetings. The meetings of The Academy Advisory Committee are scheduled on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 and will run until the end of the calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS

8. TREASURER'S REPORT - A. Aron asked for donations for the Sunshine Club and indicated this will be the last month for collections.

- A. Aron shared that the Sunshine Club will be contributing \$50.00 to send flowers to a member of the school community who has experienced loss.
 - D. Buller added that a Go Fund Me page has been started for the family and R. Xeller asked about what other things could be done to help the family during this time of loss.
 - S. Cochran informed the board of the Family Night Coming Out Event taking place this evening hosted by MYFS which featured a guest speaker and activities for various ages.
 - C. Barden spoke about the October 27th online “Red Ribbon” and “Finding Hope” events taking place as well as their promotion to reach audiences.
9. Staff Update: Community Support – Catherine Barden and Molly Fahey
- C. Barden and M. Fahey shared with the board the wide reach of their two-person department and the plethora of programs and services it provides to Madison’s residents of all ages.
 - C. Barden and M. Fahey gave a Power-point presentation which is attached to these minutes.
 - C. Barden discussed their promotional strategy with online streaming and indicated that their Podcast, turned radio show on iCRV radio, has the highest “click through” since it’s age of inception with 50,000 listeners.
 - M. Fahey reported there are currently 143 individuals/families receiving assistance and she continues to take appointments for energy assistance.
 - The Board commended M. Fahey on her seamless transition to her new position.
 - M. Fahey and C. Barden are brainstorming new ways to reach members of the community in need of assistance, including the possibility of visiting Concord Meadows to help with access for residents. A. Aron indicated that she is on the Board of Concord Meadows and thinks such a visit would be very beneficial.
10. Student Report –Trip Rizzo and Rebe Wahl
- R. Wahl spoke about the Peer Advocate Program and creating a bridge between trainees and alumni.
 - R. Wahl reported “Roots” room, located in the library, is well utilized because of its positive vibe. The space created is open to all students

as a safe, welcoming space vital to teen mental health. The students continue to come up with ideas for style and design.

- R. Wahl felt the Pep Rally was a great morale booster for DHHS and provided an atmosphere of normalcy.
- Both T. Rizzo and R. Wahl agreed that there continues to be an overall positive atmosphere at DHHS.
- R. Wahl also felt that the Peer Advisory meetings are becoming better received by students and that there is increased positivity.
- R. Wahl discussed wanting to continue anti-sexual violence campaign with “The Pledge” for sport teams and the student reps have set up a meeting with the new Athletic Director to discuss.
- R. Wahl and T. Rizzo will continue monthly meetings with Principal Salutari.
- R. Wahl and T. Rizzo discussed a noticeable trend among students that photos of other students (that may be considered “embarrassing”) are sometimes surreptitiously shared via cell phones during the school day. Board members discussed and shared feedback with the Student Reps. The Board encouraged our student reps to inform the Principal as well as the DHHS Guidance office.

11. Director’s Report – Scott Cochran, Director

- S. Cochran has requested to attend and Board of Finance meeting in October or November to provide a presentation to highlight the department’s approach to the budget and the challenges ahead.
- S. Cochran encouraged all MYFS Board members to attend or view this meeting when it is scheduled.

12. Liaison Report - Social Work Pilot Program with Madison Police Dept.

- J. Yorke provided a liaison report as he had to leave early
- J. Yorke commended S. Cochran’s exceptional draft report on the Pilot to integrate a social worker with the police. The report includes the results of a police survey in addition to the experience of the social worker as integrated with the police. York expressed this as the “tip of the iceberg for law enforcement.” In addition, this could be a model used at the state level.
- Scott informed the Board that the full report of the Pilot will soon be shared with the First Selectwoman and then publicly. Next steps to be determined.

13. Chairperson Comments – David Buller, Board Chair

- D. Buller gave thanks to all the MYFS Board members for choosing to spend their time in support of the youth of Madison.

14. Adjournment—Meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

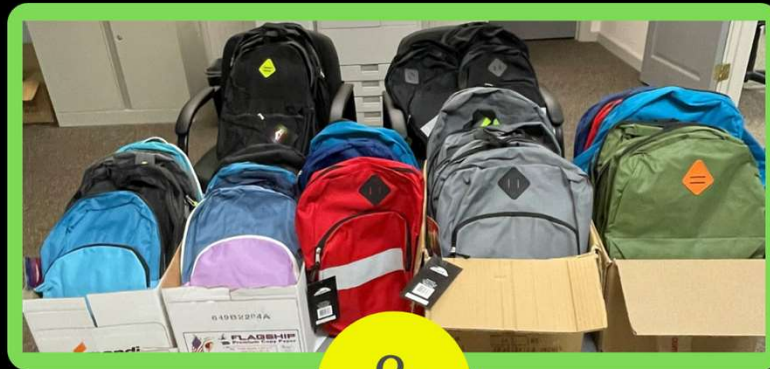
Paula Marchese
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Madison Youth and Family Services



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT





MADE

What we've done:

- Assisted with community QPR Trainings
- Organized school assembly speakers
- Data collection and analyzation (Annual school survey)
- State of the Youth Address
- Marketing campaigns- Theater and online streaming ads, radio show
- PTO Presentations
- Capacity building (Tobacco Treatment, Certified Prevention Specialist)
- Assistance with organizing presence at community events (Trunk or Treat, 4th of July, Finding Hope, Etc.)
- Attending and sharing expertise at National Conferences (Montana Institute, NPN, CADCA, Stanford Tobacco and Marijuana Summit, New England School of Addiction and Prevention Studies)



MADE

A look ahead:

- ROOTS Student Leadership starting 10/12
- Red Ribbon Month presentation with Demand Zero 10/27
- Trunk or Treat 10/31
- Mad Dash 11/5
- Community education series (Dates TBD)
- Pre-prom assemblies
- Ongoing media messaging
- Partnering with the Health Dept and first responders on opioid prevention
- Continuing to monitor trends (and prep for a new school survey year)
- Continuing to offer QPR Trainings and encourage Narcan Trainings

...and more!

SOCIAL SERVICES

	Pre-pandemic	Pandemic	Current
Number of Households Assisted	94	206	143

Program	# Households Served	% of households served
Energy Assistance	53	37%
Ongoing Case Management	51	36%
S&S Gift Cards	44	31%
Be Cool For School	41	29%
Toys for Tots	35	25%
Blizzard of Giving	33	24%
Local Relief	29	21%
N2N Fuel Assistance	26	18%
Holiday Giving Tree	26	18%
Backpacks	22	15%
Rent Rebate	21	15%
Christmas Trees	17	12%
Camp Scholarships	12	8%
N2N Discretionary	8	6%
Warm the Children	8	6%

SOCIAL SERVICES

Expenses (FY 21-22):

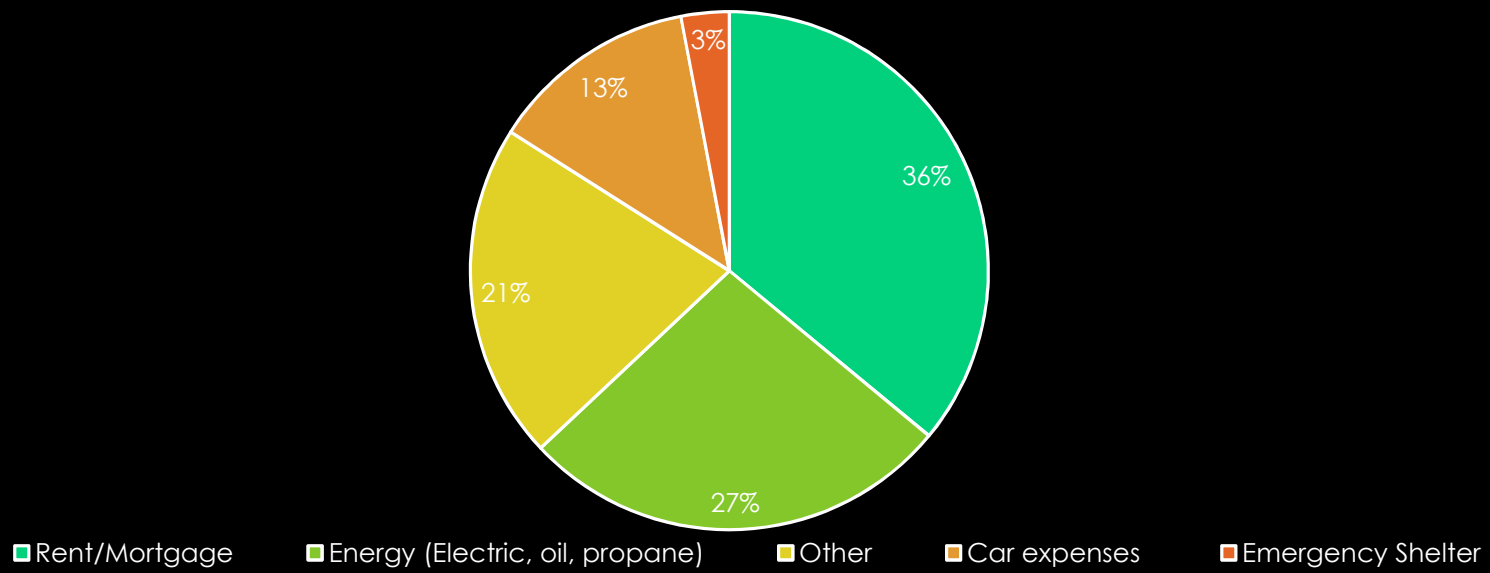
Local relief (Town)	\$16,944
Be Cool for School (ARPA)	\$8,600
Donations	\$51,021
Total	\$76,565

Donations:

Holiday Giving (N2N and Blizzard of Giving)	\$14,300
N2N discretionary	\$9,928
Food gift cards (N2N, Jaycees, Teachers Union)	\$9,200
N2N oil assistance	\$9,021
Camp (N2N & Exchange)	\$6,122
Backpack Supplies (Temple, Salvation Army, Fundraising)	\$2,450
Total	\$51,021

SOCIAL SERVICES

One-time assistance by category



*The numbers don't capture the stories



UPCOMING CONCERNS

Social Services

- Affordable housing
- Increasing energy costs and decrease in benefits (EA)
- Increasing food costs

MADE

- The connection between youth mental health and substance use
- Opioids (pressed pills and fentanyl)
- Impact of marijuana legalization



HOW WE'LL ADDRESS THE NEED

- Reduce barriers
- Increase access to services
- Continue to find innovative ways to reach the community
- Continue to find new funding streams
- Continue to build community partnerships
- Monitor and evaluate data to find emerging community needs

HOW DO WE DO IT?

