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. Mc Grimley, 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.

- 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
Administrative Assistant,
Madison Youth and Family Services
COMMUNITY SUPPORT
MYFS Board Meeting 10.11.22
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The State of Our Youth
What we’ve done:

- Assisted with community QPR Trainings
- Organized school assembly speakers
- Data collection and analysis (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)
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

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SOCIAL SERVICES

One-time assistance by category

- Rent/Mortgage: 36%
- Energy (Electric, oil, propane): 27%
- Other: 21%
- Car expenses: 13%
- Emergency Shelter: 3%

*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?