



**Town of Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board (YAFAB)
Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, June 8, 2015
Birdseye Municipal Complex, Room 111**

In attendance: Emily Barksdale, Darrin Bosco, Nina Chanana, Paul DosSantos, Winnie Etienne, Anna Gasinski, Patty Hines, Sean Kennedy, Roula Kouvas, Olivia Mastroluca, James Olsen, Dudley Orr, Tammy Trojanowski, Denique Weidema-Lewis

Call to Order

Dudley Orr called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Approval of the March 9, 2015 Executive Committee Minutes

Paul DosSantos made a motion to approve the March 9, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Olivia Mastroluca seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

By-Laws

Mayor John Harkins and Town Attorney Timothy Bishop signed The Town of Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board By-Laws prior to the June 8 meeting. At the meeting, coalition co-chairs Dudley Orr and Winnie Etienne signed the By-Laws.

2015-2016 Coalition Meeting Schedule

The Logistics Team recommended the Youth and Family Advisory Board meetings to take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00– 7:30 p.m. This will avoid conflicts with Monday holidays, as well as Board of Education meetings. Sean Kennedy made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 meeting schedule. Patty Hines seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Name that Coalition

The recommendation for re-naming the Youth and Family Advisory Board to the Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families was proposed to the Executive Committee. The name does not bind the Coalition to any specific prevention work, while keeping “partnership” and “youth” central to the Coalition's mission and vision. Paul DosSantos made a motion to approve the recommended name change. Sean Kennedy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Along with the name change, the Coalition discussed branding with a logo. The School Assets Committee has proposed adopting the “Partnerships for Success” logo for the Coalition. The logo had been design by students at CCSU for the Partnerships For Success Coalition, a sub-group of the Youth and Family advisory Board. Since the Partnerships For Success grant will end June 30, 2015, the logo can be passed on to be used for the Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families. Sean Kennedy made a motion to approve adopting the logo and send to a graphic designer to insert the new Coalition name. Dudley Orr seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

DFC Financial Report

The DFC grant financial report was distributed and reviewed.

Appointment of Membership Committee

Six members of the coalition, who are not on the Executive Committee, will be appointed to the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee is tasked with welcoming new individuals to coalition meetings. The six members include two youths, two organization members and two coalition volunteers. The six members recommended for appointment are Roula Kouvas, Maddy Dragone, Mary Tiernan, Lucretia Duwel, Jocelyn Ault and Shelly Bheer. Patty Hines made a motion to appoint the six recommended individuals to the Membership Committee. Darrin Bosco seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Committee/ Team Updates

Youth Committee~ Youth Committee members are preparing for the Annual Town Hall Meeting on Monday, June 15, at 7:00pm at Town Hall Council Chambers. Also, they will be volunteering at Wayne's Walk on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Short Beach.

Youth Committee members have been producing a social media campaign to prevent prescription drug misuse and abuse. The campaign is called #RxEffect. The Executive Committee was shown a preview of the website www.rx-effect.org, and the linked social media accounts. Postcards with the tagline "Be Your Own High" were distributed at the Main Street Festival on June 6, 2015. Youth Committee members will give a preview to the website and project at the Town Hall Meeting. The campaign will launch in mid-August.

School Assets Committee~ An Introduction to Assets presentation was made to all guidance counselors in the Stratford school district at their monthly department meeting. The committee plans to meet with the superintendent and collaborate with the Ben's Bells project to link assets and asset building to their work of expanding "kindness schools" throughout the district..

Data Team~ Data Committee is conducting key informant interviews and focus groups to complete the community needs assessment. This information will guide the Action Plan for the 2015-16 year.

Local Prevention Council (LPC) Grant

The LPC grant financial report was distributed and reviewed. The South End Reunion Group has requested the original request for \$250 from for their South End Community Expo to be paid directly to the vendor who will provide face painting for children at the Expo. Darrin Bosco made a motion to approve the LPC budget and requested change from the South End Reunion Group to the vendor. Sean Kennedy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

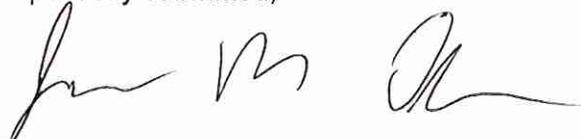
Anonymous People Screening

Recovery Network of Programs (RNP) has approached the Coalition to co-sponsor a screening of *Anonymous People* in October 2015. The screening will be held in Bridgeport, CT and an exact date has not been confirmed yet. *Anonymous People* is a documentary film about the 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions. Sean Kennedy made a motion for the Coalition to become a co-sponsor for the event. Darrin Bosco seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



James Olsen