

MINUTES

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING May 18, 2010

The Community Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at the Stevenson House Detention Center. The following were in attendance:

Members: Maria Edgerton, Milford Boys and Girls Club
Alison McGonigal, DYRS
George Pippin, Community Member

DYRS Staff: John Stevenson, Superintendent
Karen McGee, Assistant Superintendent
Dawn Garnett, AS III
Carlyse Giddins, DYRS Director

Opening Comments – John Stevenson

John welcomed everyone and introduced our new Assistant Superintendent, Karen McGee, and Psychologist, Dr. Deborea Jones.

Dental Services

The dental suite is expected to be fully operational next Friday, 5/28. Dr. Choudhri and Lisa Benson are excited to be providing services for our residents.

We plan to have an opening for the dental suite to recognize key players involved in helping us find a dentist. Carl Schnee, Assistant to the President of the YMCA, was instrumental in getting things started and contacted Dr Sklut of Delmarva Rural Ministries who helped us prepare the dental equipment and led us to Dr. Choudhri.

Facility Self Inspection Report

We recently went through our annual self inspection and it went well. The residents all expressed to the visiting Team that they felt safe at Stevenson House. An action plan will be established for all areas where we fell short. For example; residents are not permitted to talk during meals and the Team recommended that talking be allowed. This will be discussed at the next staff meeting.

Mentoring

Alpha Phi Alpha will be here on June 3, to give a presentation and Step Show for the residents. They will talk about the positive aspects of being in a fraternity and the importance of education.

Kishma George, mentors young females, is opening a home for kids aging out of foster care. She may mentor our female residents and follow through with them upon release.

Resource Fair

Since our last resource fair was so successful, we would like to host another one the 13th or 20th of July.

Open Discussion

Mr. Pippin commented on the front of the building needing power washing. Ms. McGee is already working on getting it done.

Mr. Pippin asked about the status of the scholarship for Employee of the Year. The account has been established and he wants to be the person to present the check to the employee. This will take place at the Employee Recognition in mid December.

Mr. Pippin also passed on an ACA article and various training information. He stated that he would like to see DE better represented nationally in organizations, conferences, etc.

Carlyse stated that ACA is being viewed nationally as more of an adult focused organization and we are trying to move the juvenile system more towards rehabilitation rather than a correctional model. CJCA is becoming the leading juvenile organization nationally. In addition, Carlyse serves on many Boards and Organizations and DE is very represented throughout the nation.

The meeting ended with a group photo of the Community Advisory Board.



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