

**Community Advisory Board Meeting
June 8, 2015**

Minutes

In Attendance:

Tom Spell, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Ferris School
Patti Mattson, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Community Services
Lisa DiStefano, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, Community Services
Angela Porter, Division of Management Support Services
Barbara Riley, Division of Management Support Services, Residential Cottages
Nancy Dietz, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Jack McDonough, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Mitchell Rock, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services, NCCDC
Kathy Covelli-Reyes, Christina School District
Kim Pepper, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Tim Brandau, Child, Inc.
Keith Zirkle, Division of Family Services
Sophie Namugenyi, Jewish Family Services
Terron Brown, Youth Advocacy Program
Staci Forrest, Youth Coordinator Parent Information Center
Katie Kenney, Assistant Superintendent Residential Cottages
Raheem Perkins, Superintendent Residential Cottages
Lauren Copeland, YRS

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting started at 9:04am with introductions

Parent Information Center Overview

PIC presented an overview of their services. An informational packet was distributed to all attendees.

Youth Advocacy Program (YAP)

Dana Newman of YAP presented an overview of their program.

- Peer counselor options for our youth leaving YRS services
- YAP informational video was played for the board, the Residential Youth received the video and the services it showcased with positive response
- YAP will solely be serving the male youth living in the City of Wilmington for the start of this venture with YRS

Residential Youth Information Sharing

Three youth from the Residential Cottages gave insight to their educational experiences within and prior to their YRS services. One of the youth feels that classes could be more organized and separated by level of class taking. Another youth feels that he received a lot of support and motivation to prepare for his GED and SAT test.

Director Dietz mentioned that CAB is looking for past students to be on the board as liaisons with the youth that are leaving YRS care

Division Update

Director Dietz

- YAP first referral will be next week
- Job Fair- 15 vacancies were filled
- Recruitment Video- to be played at the next meeting
- Introduction of new Deputy Director Jack McDonough

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Next Meeting September 14, 2015 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Administration Building – Room 199

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