

Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
12 noon @ YSB Conf. Rm. B

Attendees: Ethel Mantzaris, Frank Perrotti, Eileen Griffin,
Jerry Marchon, Candace Morrel, Amber Hoyt

Staff: Kevin Grunwald, Pat Michalak, Kathy McNamara,
Karen L. Taylor

Regrets: Sheila Riffle, Heather Spottiswoode

- I. Call to Order
Ethel Mantzaris, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03PM
- II. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION** by Jerry Marchon, seconded by Eileen Griffin. Vote: Unanimous in favor of approving minutes as submitted.
- III. Kevin Grunwald, Director
 - Kevin updated the Board that on the meeting he had for KidTrac and that there are 5 Youth Service Bureau's applying to United Wayfor funding to utilize this software.
 - Kevin informed that the Human Services Department is applying for a Youth Suicide Prevention Grant and the application is due to the State on May 9, 2008.

Pat Michalak – YSB Coordinator Update

Youth Services Update

March 2008

- Children's Grief Group pot luck dinner - 42 people attended. Families found it very helpful to share and support each other.
- Staff participated in the planning and development of the regional annual Peers Leadership Conference at Manchester Community College. It was a huge success and in addition to Mansfield students over 250 other middle school students participated.

- Staff participated in the CYSA Quarterly Professional Development Luncheon and Presentation. Topic covered – Best Practices in After School Programming.
- Forty-five seniors, children, parents and volunteers participated in an intergenerational night at Juniper Hill Independent living Facility.
- Staff presented at the Mansfield Middle School Special Education Dinner. Parents were given a description of our programs and the scope of our services.
- Staff has been actively involved in the planning and development stage of the new after school leadership program at the middle school, JUMP. The program will be facilitated by Master Ken Caputo from Villari's Martial Arts Studio and Julie White, MMS 8th grade teacher.
- Staff continues to provide assessment, treatment, medication management and referral for children and families. It has been a busy and productive month.

IV. Old Business:

- Kidtrac – Updated in the Directors Report.
- Challenge – Updated with presenters. Introduction of Ray Lawrence, former Science teacher at MMS who began the Challenge Program which was called C.D.C, Challenge-Discovery and Confidence.

Mr. Lawrence provided the Board with background information about the development of the program.

Introduction of Chuck Leavens who has facilitated for the past 31 years of the Challenge Program.

Chuck provided the Board with current information about the Challenge Program.

V. New Business:

- JUMP – 7th and 8th grade Leadership Group

VI. Other NONE

Meeting adjourned at 1:07PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Taylor
Secretary