



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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**Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Minutes**

Tuesday, January 11, 2011
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Frank Perrotti, Co-Chair
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Kathleen McNamara, YSB Senior Social Worker
Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services
Chuck Leavens, EOS Counselor
Eileen Griffin, Social Worker, LCSW

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM by Chair, Ethel Mantzaris

II. Approval of minutes: December 14, 2010

- Meeting minutes from December 14, 2010 were accepted and approved

III. Reports

Director's Report – Kevin Grunwald

- Town Council approved re-establishing the human services advisory committee during its Dec. 29th meeting, a move recommended by the council's committee on committees.

Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak

Children's Grief Group:

We are working on formulating the new participant group for the 5 week Grief Matters program starting March 5th. We have 9 volunteers to assist with this group.

Girl's Group: The girl's group has developed into a multi layered mentoring program including middle school, high school and college girls. The girls solicited donations from their family members who work both at the Mansfield Board of Education and Uconn's registrar's office. The BOE office contributed money to support our summer campership program for the girls

and Uconn donated beautiful baskets including movie tickets to the Mansfield Theater for two along with snacks to enjoy at the movies. The girls gave a lot of thought to a gift which would give the girls a social experience to enjoy with another family member.

Holiday Cards: This year we sent holiday cards from YSB to people who supported us throughout the year. We are appreciative for the number of volunteers who donate their time to make YSB a success.

Boy's Counsel: Is an open group that is continuing to develop focusing on socialization and leadership skills for middle school boys.

Psychological Services: Monthly Case Management meeting with Dr. Barton has helped facilitate clinical treatment of our shared families. They are starting a men's group and we will be helping them connect with many of our single dads.

Stuff a Cruiser: Participated with Tolland YSB to help organize the toys collected by state troopers and we distributed toys to our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren's group.

Legislative Breakfast: Met at Vernon YSB this year and we had very good attendance which allowed us to talk about the work of the YSBs and ask for their continued support and spare us when looking at budget cuts.

PAWS: We are planning for the March leadership Conference. We will be bringing middle school students from both our boys and girls groups to Manchester Community College in March.

New Year's Resolutions: The Cope kids discussed New Year's Resolutions and we talked about what a resolution meant. Themes included, being a better friend, being nicer to people, listening to my parents.

IV. Old Business

-Summer Wilderness Challenge Program:

Mansfield Board of Education will contribute \$2,500 each year and Region 19 will not be contributing any funds to this program. K. Grunwald will work to fund raise for the additional money necessary to run this program.

-Universal Intake Form: K. did not have the Universal Intake Form ready for review and said he will have it for next month's meeting.

-Budget: K. Grunwald presented the proposed budget which he has submitted to the Town Manager. Members asked questions and reviewed the budget; more discussion will follow next month.

V. New Business

- Human Services Food Pantry: Frank Perrotti offered to assist with management of the food pantry. He may enlist the help of students through our Youth Work Employment Program to help rotate the food and maintain the supply of nonperishable foods. The food is generously donated by people in our community to help those less fortunate.

VI. Other

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Patricia Michalak