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Youth and Family Services

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MINUTES

January 24, 2011

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 7:00 pm by Madam Chairwoman Dawna Watson, January 24, 2011 at Hanover Township Youth and Family Services, 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.

Members present: Nicole De Falco, Trustee Mary Alice Benoit, Fernando Collazo, Officer Rob Wojtowicz, Katelyn Mucci, Dawna Watson, Ed Burnham, Jenna Szabo

Staff present: Director John Parquette, Tom Kuttenberg

Member absent: none.

Guests present: none.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve and seconded to approve the meeting Agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** motion to approve and seconded to approve the minutes from December.
4. **Public Comments:** none.
5. **Youth and Family Services Department Report:**
 - Report submitted via email. See addendum to minutes.
6. **Liaison Report:**
 - Board had their budget workshop on 1/21/2011.
 - All Board members participated in the Senior Variety Show.
 - The Senior Center lower-level build-out is starting.
 - The Mental Health Board is renovating the Community Resource Center.
 - COY volunteer appreciation event will be held at Pinstripes.
7. **New Business:**
 - **Principal of the Year Award:**
 - a. **Date:** Tuesday, April 19th, 2011, 5:30-7pm, applications are due 3/21/11.

- b. Chairwoman Watson will update cover letter and application, Tom Kuttenberg will send previous press articles to Director John Parquette.
 - c. Sending out letters including article showcasing last year's event to PTO presidents, Office Managers, etc. at schools—YFS staff will make copies of letters and help with mailing, COY members will prep envelopes next meeting.
 - d. Follow up e-mail reminder, press release, and putting application on Township website will be handled by Tom Kuttenberg.
- Youth Leadership Banquet:
 - a. Date: Tuesday, May 10th, 5:30-7pm. Applications are due by 4/18/11, winner selected by 4/27/11.
 - b. COY to review applications at 4/25/11 meeting.
 - c. COY is seeking a motivational speaker for the event.
 - d. Director John Parquette will work on catering for the event.
 - Motion to discuss Fund Raiser event planning moved to next meeting. Motion carried.
8. Adjourn: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Monday February 28, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole De Falco

Addendum
Hanover Township Youth and Family Services
Committee on Youth Report
January 24, 2011

1. Youth and Family Services hosted a Summit on Juvenile Justice Alternatives on Tuesday, January 18th, 2011. Various leaders were represented from Judicial, Probation, Elected Officials, Police, Schools, COY and other service providers. Discussion was held on current trends, services, and gaps in the juvenile justice system.
2. Youth and Family Services has applied for a \$5,000 Project Orange Thumb Grant through Friskers. The grant is for the development of a community garden. If the funds are awarded to Youth and Family Services, we plan to develop a community garden with the youth from our various prevention programs. We will be notified in late February whether or not we will be awarded the grant.
3. Referrals are starting to arrive for the Alternative to Suspension Program. Further development of the leadership component is being completed. Negotiations are occurring with the Bartlett Park District to offer adventure based, leadership development programming.
4. The Peer Jury Program partnership between Hanover Township and the Village of Streamwood is continuing to develop. Youth and Family Services will begin negotiations with the Village of Bartlett and the Bartlett Police Department about a possible partnership in the program.
5. Negotiations are taking place with the Eastside Recreation Center in Elgin. Continued low turn out for the Open Gym Program at this site is occurring regardless of continued marketing strategies.
6. Youth and Family Services and the Youth Division of Worknet hosted an open house on Thursday, January 6th, 2011 at the Township. The open house showcased the new partnership and services offered between Youth and Family Services and Worknet. This partnership will benefit Township youth who are out of school by assisting with career planning and development. Worknet will be utilizing the multipurpose room and

computer lab on the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

7. Spring Semester Tutoring Program applications are available. The Program will begin on Monday, February 7th, 2011. The Program will again be offered at the Streamwood High School Sabre Center.
8. Six families have presented for Family Therapy Services since last report. Of the six families, three are English speaking. Three families are from Bartlett, one family is from Streamwood, and two families are from Hanover Park.