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## COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 24, 2021

1. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:36 pm by Jennifer Delao on May 24, 2021 at 240 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
  - a. Members Present: Bill Henderson, Rob Wojtowicz, Jordan Wildermuth, Corey Elton, Ariel Correa\*, Jennifer Delao  
\*attendance via teleconference
  - b. Members not present: Rebecca Swangren, Denise Camacho, Yesenia Ojeda, Ray Alvarez,
  - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Trustee, and Tina Houdek, Director
  - d. Staff and Township representatives absent: none
  - e. Guests present: No public present
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Per Governor Pritzker Emergency Act Announcement; Admonition pursuant to Public Act 100-0640. All COY members that were attending the meeting remotely confirmed that "yes" they could hear the meeting and members present.
3. Approval of April 26, 2021 Minutes: Motion was made by Corey Elton and seconded by Jordan Wildermuth – all in favor.
4. Public Comments: Bill Henderson mentioned the 5k run on October 2nd 2021 for the Knight of Columbus as well as the May 23-24<sup>th</sup> for the Veteran's activity. All proceeds go to the Hanover Township Food Pantry. No other public comments.
5. Youth and Family Services Department Report: Director Tina Houdek shared May updates:

Director Houdek and Manager's Callahan and Gonzalez conducted first round interviews for the Bilingual (Spanish Speaking) Family Therapist position on April 1 and April 6; Hired Patricia Gomez.

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Director Houdek continued conversations with Jeff Janda, CEO of Streamwood Park District, on April 7, to discuss partnering for summer programming.

The department conducted the virtual Community Conversation titled “Trivia Night” on April 8 with a total of 7 participants.

The department’s free drop in Depressions Screenings were conducted on April 8, 17 and 28. One person participated and were referred for services.

Manager Gonzalez attended a webinar on April 20 titled “Toward Culturally Responsive Mental Health Services: Equity, Diversity, and Person-centered Care”.

The department hosted a movie night on April 23, showing the movie “Over the Moon” with 18 participants.

Manager Dickinson participated in a U-46 focus group in order for the district to gather input and explore practices currently in place to support the needs of all students, families and staff members. as well as opportunities for growth.

Director Houdek and Therapist Garcia participated on a webinar on April 27 titled “Healthy Families: Preventing Child Abuse One Family at a Time”.

The department conducted the virtual Community Conversation titled “Underage Drinking Prevention: How You Can Start the Conversation, with three participants.

Coordinator Miguel began conducting several boy groups on April 12 at Oakhill, Ontarioville and Parkwood Elementary Schools. These groups target boys that need improvement in social skills. A total of six groups were conducted in April, with 19 Unduplicated and 25 Duplicated participants.

The Youth and Family Services department was approved “Teen Nights” and looking at doing a “soccer club” like a soccer intramural sports activity and the plan is to continue these and other activities throughout the year. The “Teen Nights” are at 6:00-8:pm on friday nights starting June 11th. These will all happen in conjunction with the Park District and they are excited for this partnership. The soccer club will be held at Hoosier Park. Karla Gomez started officially as bilingual therapist, as well as Patricia Gomez that is due to start May 2021. Please refer to the Department Highlights report for more of the Youth and Family Services Department.

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6. Celebration of Leadership Award Winners Virtual Ceremony—6:45pm
7. Liaison Report - Denise Camacho is now a trustee and her focus will be on mental health. We are working in conjunction with the Police Department and similar to our teen events, soccer and volleyball showcase, and other fun events. These are great opportunities for the community to meet the various township departments and schools. These events will be taking place on Fridays starting June 25th and then the following month events will be July 23rd and then July 30th all from 1-3pm. Friday June 24th and 25th is the annual Garage sale for the Youth and Family Services. Contact Tina or Ryan for dropping off materials for the garage sale.
8. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Continuation of Participation of township events/ Volunteer schedule for township events
    - i. Rebecca Swangren will send out Google invites and times specifically for the Friday Township summer events, the movie nights and soccer club volunteer as well as Hanover Township Food Pantry volunteer.
9. New Business:
  - a. none
10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Henderson at 7:10 PM and seconded by Rob Wojtowicz – all in favor.
11. Next Meeting Date: June 28, 2021--Downey Hall

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dr. Ariel A. Correa

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