



COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING  
MINUTES

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Director

Tina Houdek, LCPC

Monday, January 23, 2023

- I. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:33 pm by Jordan Wildermuth on January 23, 2023 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
  - a. Members Present: Jordan Wildermuth, Bill Henderson, Rob Wojtowicz, Ariel Correa, Savannah Widmann
  - b. Members no present: Nazneen Hashmi
  - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Tina Houdek, Youth and Family Services Director
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Reports:
  - a. Trustee Liaison report- Lee shared the three awards that the township won downstate at the Illinois Township award ceremony.
  - b. Director Report – Director Houdek provided the Committee with several department highlights.
    - She was re-elected again as President of AITCOY. This is her 4th year and she is seeking to pass the torch for another member in another township to take over the following year.
    - Hanover Township won 3 awards (Volunteer, Friend of Township, and Youth and Family Services) at the Illinois Township award ceremony.
    - The summit on Youth Violence went very well. The Keynote speaker was state attorney Bob Berlin from Dupage County. Miles Castro did a presentation and then a roundtable discussion took place. Providing communities with after school programming for kids is the way to help decrease youth violence. Ensuring mental health services are accessible to all individuals is key.
    - There were 229 attendees at the Hot Cocoa and Cookies with Santa event in December 2022. This was a much larger attendee from December 2021.

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- The Open Gym Winter programming took place and although there was a regular show for the open gym, the actual turnout altogether was not as much as we hoped for.
- Director Houdek participated in the Alignment Collaborative for Education Operating Board Meeting on November 1.
- Prevention Services staff began the five week Soccer Tournament with the Streamwood Park District on November 1.
- Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson participated in both sessions of the MTA training on November 4.
- Elgin Health Department conducted a site visit at the Izaak Walton Youth Center on November 8.
- Director Houdek participated in the Unite U-46 meeting on November 9.
- Director Houdek attended the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Education Conference from November 13 through November 15.
- Director Houdek was reelected as President to the Association of Illinois Townships Committee on Youth at the Annual Meeting on November 14.
- Director Houdek presented three AITCOY Awards to Hanover Township at the TOI Awards Breakfast on November 15.
- Staff from the YFS Department participated in the annual Sexual Harassment training on November 17.
- Manager Dickinson attended the Elgin Partnership for Early Learning meeting on November 17.
- Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson participated in both sessions of the MTA trainings on November 18.
- Director Houdek facilitated the Summit on Youth Violence on November 30 with seven staff members participating.
- Youth Program Assistants helped the Department of Human Services with the Annual Toy Drive and Meal Distribution throughout the first several weeks of December.
- Director Houdek attended the welcome reception for Dr. Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanic, the Deputy Minister of Education of Thailand on December 6.
- Youth and Family Services hosted the fourth annual Cookies and Cocoa with Santa on Friday, December 9 with 229 persons attending the event.

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- Director Houdek interviewed Jakub Jarmula, a previous tutoring student, on December 14 to discuss his positive experience of the tutoring program and a success story for the Hanover Happenings article. Jakub shared the impact the tutoring program has had on his education. Jakub is currently in his third year of medical school at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine where he is studying to be a neurosurgeon.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal attended Mental Health First Aid training on December 14 given by the Illinois Association for Behavioral Health.
- The mission of Hanover Township Youth and Family Services is the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the promotion of positive development in young people. We strengthen families, provide outreach to youth at risk of school failure and contribute to the building of a healthier Township community.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal attended a webinar on December 15 for grant opportunities through Communities Talk.
- Director Houdek met with AITCOY members on December 15 to discuss training needs for educational workshops for the 2023 calendar year.
- Winter Open Gym occurred from December 27 through December 30 at the Izaak Walton Youth Center with 40 duplicated participants attending.

V. Unfinished Business: None

VI. New Business:

A. Approval of November 28, 2022, Minutes - Motion was made by Ariel Correa and seconded by Rob Wojtowicz to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

B. Hoppin for Hanover event, April 1, 2023 - Tina will let us know more as time approaches as they are still working out specifics for the vents

C. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update - As aforementioned, Open Gym is going through some difficulty with attendance of attendees, as well as with the recent resignation of the director of Open Gym. Drop in hours switched to Wednesdays and

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Thursdays. So far we are getting between 10-15 students at a time.

D. Celebration of Leadership event planning:

- i. Selection of Date - May 16, 2023 is the date of consensus
- ii. Nomination Form - finalized and it is in electronic format
- iii. Promotion time frame - March is the anticipated month to market the application for celebration of leadership
- iv. Roles - same as prior year. The committee discussed whether or not to have the nominators come up to the podium and speak or how to recognize all nominees and nominators. The committee also discussed bringing back entertainment to the awards ceremony. We also discussed inviting the new leaders to attend and engage in a photography opportunity at the awards ceremony.
- v. Acknowledgement of the New Leaders in Education at the event - the committee agreed that inviting and acknowledging the New Leaders in Education would be a great addition to the agenda for the evening.

VII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Henderson and seconded by Ariel Correa. Motion carried at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Dr. Ariel Correa, Secretary of Youth and Family Services

Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2023—Downey Hall

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