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COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 22, 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 May 22, 2023 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
 - a. Members Present: Jordan Wildermuth, Ariel Correa, Savannah Widmann, Nazneen Hashmi, Rob Wojtowicz
 - b. Members not present: Bill Henderson,
 - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie (not present), Tina Houdek, Youth and Family Services Director
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Reports:
 - a. Trustee Liaison report- none available
 - b. Director Report – Director Houdek provided the Committee with several department highlights.
 - Director Houdek and team have interviewed candidates for Open Gym.
 - Open gym soon to start - June 5th through July 28, 2023. 5 schools where 2 schools will be there twice a week. 12-4pm will be the hours as well as at the Izaak Walton Center. They have summer interns helping out this summer.
 - There are two family therapist positions open.
 - Director Houdek and Nancy Coleman, Executive Director of ACE, discussed on February 1, Hanover Township's involvement in the Alignment Collaborative for Education. Ms. Coleman moved forward with recommending Director Houdek be part of the Operating Board.
 - Director Houdek participated on the Alignment Collaborative for Education Trauma Informed Care A-Team on February 3.
 - Director Houdek participated on the tour for State Representative Maura Hirschauer on February 4.
 - YFS staff participated on the MTSS training on February 4 conducted by School District U-46.
 - Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson hosted the Hanover Township Mental Health Board staff for a site visit at the Izaak Walton Youth Center on February 7.
 - Director Houdek and Megan Traficano, Youth Services Director, Oak Park Township, met on February 8 to discuss plans to increase AITCOY membership.

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- Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson met virtually on February 15 with Kacie Chitwood, Development Manager, The Alive Center to discuss youth center programming.
- Manager Dickinson and Coordinator Miguel met with Streamwood High School Football Coach Keith McMaster on February 16 to discuss partnership, along with the Streamwood Park District, to provide a flag football clinic.
- YFS staff participated in the AITCOY virtual workshop on February 24, titled “Food for Your Mood: Understanding the Connection Between Nutrition and Mental Health”, presented by Kristen Smith, Hanover Township Community Health Director.
- Manager Dickinson spoke at the Bartlett Parent Advisory meeting to discuss YFS programming.
- Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson met on February 25 to discuss possible entertainment and usage of the new Izaak Walton Youth Center Amphitheater to occur summer of 2022.
- Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson participated on the Lisle Township tour on February 28.
- Youth and Family Services and the Committee on Youth hosted our 2nd annual Hoppin’ 4 Hanover event. There were over 200 participants in attendance on April 9.
- Manager Dickinson conducted interviews for summer interns for Prevention Services summer programming April 11.
- Manager Dickinson and Assistant Administrator Vana met with George Rosener to give him a tour of the youth center, and to gather information for the dedication ceremony on April 20.
- Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator Litz hosted YFS’s first annual Volunteer Appreciation celebration on April 20.
- Family Therapist Martinez attended the following webinar on April 21st:
Assessing Boundaries and the Supervisory Relationship
- Lupe Villagomez-Arroyo started as YFS’s daytime receptionist on April 26th.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal attended the Supervisors award and supported two teen leaders who were presented with awards on April 30th.
- For the month of April we had 141 duplicated participants for football
- There were 35 duplicated participants who attended teen nights in the month of April.
- Manager Dickinson and Manager Gonzalez filled in as Acting Director while Director Houdek was out on medical leave in the month of April

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- V. Unfinished Business: None
- VI. New Business
 - a. Approval of April 25, 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve by Ariel Correa, second by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion carried.
 - b. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update
 - i. Open Gym M-f 12-4pm all summer long
 - ii. National Night Out, Tuesday August 1st. Fun activities throughout the week.
 - iii. Music on the Reserves will start up on Thursday, June 16th at 7:00pm (once a month)
 - iv. Drop in Teen Nights will continue
 - c. Celebration of Leadership Recap
 - i. Positive feedback was given to Director Houdek
 - ii. The committee discussed the possibility of bringing back a speaker to talk on the topic of leadership for next year, as well as better marketing for the applications.
 - iii. The committee discussed pros and cons of providing the opportunity for winners to say something, a 1 minute thank you, etc. The committee will discuss this further next year during Celebration of Leadership planning.
 - iv. The committee discussed adding “Relationship to the Nominee” as part of next year’s application.
 - v. Membership recruitment: 7 adults and 2 youth members
 - 1. The committee discussed marketing strategies such as using the YouTube videos posted by the Hanover Township for past Celebration events and perhaps making business cards with QR codes on one side with social media links and on the other COY contact information versus printing fliers or pamphlets as in years past.
 - d. Upcoming YFS events and planning
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 - iv. Planning for the Fall Hanover Haunts for the Fall

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VII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Wojtowicz and seconded by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion carried at 7:31 pm.

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

Next Meeting Date: June 26, 2023—Veterans Hall

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