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## Board of Youth Services Minutes 2/15/12

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Youth Services**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

BYS hosted the High Rock Church staff to show their appreciation of their generous donation. This is the second year High Rock has funded a social worker (part time) position at AYCC.  
 Due to dinner a short Board meeting followed.

Present: Mary DeCoursey, Joan Axelrod Lehrich, Carlene Newell, Gina Murphy, Lynn Horgan, Ann Horgan, Christine Connolly, Elizabeth Oppedisano, Phyllis Brown, Malachy Shawjones

Retirement Party for Elaine Shea and Mary Deyst:

The date has been set for May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 at the Town Hall.  
 Planning committee working on guest list.  
 The next planning meeting is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at BOH.

Team up for AYCC soccer Fundraiser

Date has been set for Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a women's friendly soccer tournament.  
 Planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at 29 Gray St.  
 Justine Bloch is coordinating event and proceeds will go toward AYCC.

AYCC Update – Phyllis

Phyllis distributed a handout with updated information.  
 Summary: Primary client percentages – 42% children, 41% adolescent, 17% adults  
 Socio economic: 55% are at or below poverty level.  
 Groups currently running through AYCC include:

- Workplace Program at AHS
- Stress management group at AHS
- Support Group for METCO students at AHS
- Parent support group for parents with children with challenging behaviors.
- Social Skill/Friendship group for elementary school age boys.
- Group for students at Ottoson Middle School who have experienced bullying

3 elementary schools currently have on-site counseling services through AYCC

New Substance Abuse program: Diversion Expansion Program through CHNA 17 Grant (Mount Auburn Hospital).  
 Looking for a clinician to run a substance abuse group

Julie has been working hard and has done a great job on collections from Health Insurances. We are currently collecting 85 – 90% from insurance.

Next meeting Wednesday March 7, at 7 pm at Whittemore Robbins House.

Motion to adjourn at 9 pm. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary DeCoursey