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## **BYS Minutes 03/12/2008**

Minutes of the Board of Youth Services  
 March 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

Present: Cindy Sheridan, Elaine Shea, Mary Deyst, Larry Greco, Dorothy Williams, Gene Lucarelli, , Carlene Newell, Joan Robbio, Lynn Horgan and ex-officio members Elizabeth Oppedisano, Dave McKenna and Leon Cantor.

Minutes from February 2008 approved.

### Reports

First Step- Elaine and Mary reporting: 9 women in group, one member has cancer and the group has been very supportive, i.e. putting together a meal plan. Joyce Wilson retirement is a concern as the referrals don't seem to come in as frequently in her absence. Elaine and Mary will meet with Fred Ryan to discuss.

Alcohol Awareness- Elizabeth reporting: MADD presentation was a success. AHS and Ottoson 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes participated. SADD has 107 members.  
 Alcohol Peer Leadership program has 70 participants (juniors and seniors). There are more boys participating this year than last. Students are trained during 4 morning periods, Charlie Skidmore gives them a "no-use" contract to sign. Students will earn community service hours for participation. Fred Ryan also takes part in training.

### AYCC

Leon reported on budget, overall budget looks stable for the upcoming fiscal year, but we must be mindful of budget problems in the very near future.

Planning for next year: 7 interns in agency already in place for next year, 5 interns for schools in place for next year, working on recruiting 7 more, assuming AYCC will be given enough money to place 12 interns. Arlington sees more students in counseling than many neighboring communities. Systems being put in place to tighten this up. Many out of school issues are the focus of in school counseling.

Diversion Program Cindy reporting: Cindy continues to work closely with Ellen Digby and Brian Gallagher, 11 cases, 3 violations. Hoping to increase funding for the Diversion Program through a State and Federal Grant, will hear by mid-summer.

Lahey Money Leon reporting: 3 Arlington representatives and 3 Lahey Representatives at standstill relative to use of money. Will keep us informed of progress.

### New Business:

Board Membership- The following Board Members announced their retirement from the Board, Eugene Luccarelli, Larry Greco, Mary Deyst, Elaine Shea, Dorothy Williams and ex-officio member Dave McKenna.

Mary suggested that the Board goals for the next three months should be to explore three areas: 1. Boards existence 2. Purpose 3. Goals Is this a reactive or proactive Board.?

Next meeting date scheduled for April 9, 6:30pm, one topic, revisit document that came from the retreat and produce a comprehensive document outlining the BYS mission statement, vision and goals.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Sheridan