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Youth Services Minutes 05/03/2004

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MINUTES

3 May 2004
 Whittemore Robbins House
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Present: Donna Dolan, Chair; Mary Deyst, Vice Chair; Larry Greco; Carlene Newell; Gene Lucarelli; Elaine Shea; Joan Robbio; Dave McKenna, ex officio; Elizabeth Oppedisano, ex officio; Patsy Kraemer, ex officio.

Absent: Jeannette Mills, Cindy Sheridan, Jack Bowler, Dorothy Williams

- 1) Welcome & Minutes – Minutes moved approval by Elaine Shea, seconded by Mary Deyst, unanimous vote.
- 2) Reports:

CAPP – presentations done at Bracket in April and scheduled for Hardy in late May. New volunteers have been trained and are very enthusiastic.

STEP Groups - The afternoon group has five members. Both groups are doing well. Elaine commented that she has found the Housing Authority difficult to work with on behalf of the women in the group.

Alcohol & Drug Education Program – Elizabeth that 68 peer leaders are presenting the program to the 6th graders at the Ottoson Middle School. The program is going well.

AYCC – Patsy distributed copies of the Client Satisfaction Survey recently completed at AYCC. She said that the results of the survey are very positive about the services.

She announced that Irwin Avery, Psychiatrist, has retired and will continued working at AYCC on a contracted basis.

The nonprofit charitable corporation has submitted a request to the Symmes Hospital Fund Committee for \$150,000. The committee has asked for more program information.

- 3) Assessment of Needs of Youth and Families- the subcommittee had considered a questionnaire to be sent to various agencies. Cindy S. had received some negative feedback about that idea from some community people. The subcommittee then decided to focus on information already available to us through previous questionnaires and focus groups that have been done, i.e. Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Cindy Bouvier has asked for a donation from the BYS to support the cost of the next Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The Board voted \$500 toward this cost – moved by Larry Greco, seconded by Carlene Newell, unanimous vote.

- 4) Nomination of Officers for 2004 – 2006- Chair will be Mary Deyst and Vice Chair will be Jeannette Mills.

5) There will be a picnic at P. Kraemer's house on May 27th.

6) Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.