

**Board of Youth Services  
Meeting Agenda  
January 6, 2016  
Whittemore Robbins House**

---

Present: Linda Suzuki, Mary DeCoursey, Justine Bloch, Hannah Simon, Carlene Newell, Roblyn Anderson, Mike Ginns, Joan Axelrod, Lauren Boyle, Kristen Barnacle, Colleen Leger, Lisa Pedulla

12/9/15 Minutes Approved

**Directors Report: Linda Suzuki & Colleen Leger**

- Colleen is back and Linda did a phenomenal job managing the Center.
- \$6-7,000 came in from end of the year donations.
- Hired two new clinicians and the wait list is becoming manageable.

**Holiday Help:**

- 122 families and 232 children served for a total of 2,300 gifts.
- Peirce School was welcomed into the program this year.
- Again, a fantastic program that was seamless process.

**Discussion & Approval of Revised Mission Statement**

- The current mission of the BYS as stated on the website is as follows:  
*To assist in the prevention, treatment and control of problems relating to the children and youth of the Town and to advise and assist other agencies, both public and private, concerned with such matters.*
- Working with a Strategic Planner in July/August, the board discussed revising the mission as follows, putting AYCC front and center in the BYS's reason to exist:  
*To advise and assist the Arlington Youth Counseling Center (AYCC) and (to) work in partnership with other agencies in the prevention and treatment of issues relating to the youth and families of the Town.*
- Board approves the new mission statement. Discussion revolving the language concerning the Board title.
- Approval for changing the name of Board of Youth Services to Arlington Youth Counseling Center Board.

**Committee Structure Discussion:**

- Outreach, Fundraising & Programming committees overlap and discussion ensued concerning the structures of each committee.
- Goal for the first half of the year: Updating information regarding the functions of the AYCC Board. Colleen and Linda will construct a document which will outline AYCC's role in the community.
- Seeking a grant to fund a consultant to help create a video which highlight the role AYCC plays in the community. Also Hannah will call a contact from ACMI to see if they would be interested in creating a video for AYCC.

**Spring Fundraiser:**

- Possible fundraisers: Walks, rummage sale, Jimmy Tingle, bowl-a-thon (Lanes & Games and Flatbread)

**Parent Forum:**

- January 28<sup>th</sup> “You are not alone” Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Night, Arlington High School: 7:30pm
- AYCC will have a table at the event. We hope to reach families who might be seeking the services of AYCC and also raise awareness of the Center.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Michael Thompson will be speaking at the march forum.

Adjourn