

Minutes for Board of Youth Services- 2/8/17

In Attendance: Colleen Leger, Kristen Barnicle, Linda Suzuki, Joan Axelrod, Kim Cayer, Carlene Newell, Hannah Simon, Justine Bloch, Roblyn Brigham, and Mary DeCoursey

Change of BYS Roles:

- Joan has stepped down as Chair and handed the reins over to Roblyn Brigham and Justine Bloch who will co-chair the position.
- Hannah Simon will be the new recording secretary.

Director's Report:

- Continues to be a waitlist of about 15 people long.
- Need to hire new clinicians.
- Seems to be an upward tick of referrals related to substance abuse, particularly among HS aged girls. Discussion ensued about trying to meet with the AHS administration to further understand and address these issues. Also, perhaps a Board member will try to attend a school council or PTA meeting.

Cause + Event:

- Hope to develop a larger Team by mid-March. Set goal that each Board member should try to sign up 3-4 friends to participate so that our team can ultimately be roughly 30 people.
- Will update the Team Up logo and promote joining the team on FB and among our friends.
- Will hold a kickoff event on April 6th. At that event and following will be our big fundraising push. Will send out sample letters inviting our teammates to fundraise on behalf of AYCC.
- Will need to create artwork and graphics for T-shirts for distribution at the event. Colleen will speak with Laura M. about costs, timing, etc.

Gala:

- Joan will try to contact Livingston Taylor to see if he would be willing to perform. Some potential dates discussed were October 27th or November 3rd or 4th.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

- Mary will be meeting with Vickie Rose on 2/21 to debrief on the process and try to think about next year well in advance.

Other Business

- Mary discussed the Mental Health First Aid Training her organization is offering. We agreed to think about potential dates and venues for offering it in Arlington.

Still on the table for next month:

- Revising and updating print materials for AYCC (brochure, pamphlets, etc.).
- A potential visit from Ivy LaPlante from the Health and Human Services Coalition.

Next meetings are scheduled for: 3/1/17 and then 4/12/17