

Waterford Youth and Family Services  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

In Person

Attendance: M. Buscetto (Chairman), A. Battey, J. Bennett, M. Cristofaro, D. Gorman (Human Services Administrator), K. Elbaum, J. Filippetti, E. McNamara, H. McSwain, C. Muckle, B. Smith, B. Sutman, J. Trelli, J. Tigeleiro, L. Wolfley

Absent: R. Brule, M. Balestracci, R. McNamara, C. Mahoney

1. Call to Order: Meeting was to order at 5:00pm
2. Approve minutes from prior meeting: Motion to approve minutes from prior meeting was made by C. Muckle and seconded by E. McNamara. Motion passed
3. Correspondence: Advisory board was presented with thank you letters from residents in regards to Holiday Program. Board was also presented with a letter from outgoing State Representative Kathleen McCarty.
4. Director's Report & Financial Report: D. Gorman reported that mental health services remain high as well as Human Services cases. Gorman also stated that the food bank remained busy and that there will be a special meal offered in the month of February. Gorman informed the board about Public Act 24-45 and discussion followed.
5. Program Report: J. Trelli reported that attendance for afterschool programs is high with 147 students attending, B. Smith stated that the number is up 32%. J. Trelli also reported that Youth Promise and Pathfinders are being modeled by other towns. B. Smith stated that the Holiday Program went well, with an increase of families and need and also an increase in donors by 41%. B. Smith also let the board know of a Frosty Funday that would be coming up in February. D. Gorman informed the board that Random Acts of Kindness would be beginning in February and that Chris Muckle had been appointed chair of the JRB.
6. Student Report: B. Sutman informed the board of a new Midterm Exam procedure that was implemented this year.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business: J. Bennett let the board know of a fundraiser beginning for Safe Futures and information was given out.

At 5:16pm E. McNamara made a motion to adjourn with J. Trelli seconding. Motion was passed

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Respectfully submitted

Meaghan Lineburgh

Recording Secretary