

# YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMISSION

## Minutes

December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Meeting

**Present:** Tyler Booth, Bevan Moore, Rev. Larissa Forsythe, Ann Mount, Bonnie Fierravanti, Ann Purcell-Murray.

**Excused:** Kreg O'Brien, Pastor Mat Samuelson, Lillian Tanski, Natalie Cook, Angela Phelan, Anna Carlson, Sam Wilcox, Karen Boisvert, Jason Stankowski, Durlene Mikkelson.

**Staff Present:** Ginny Burgess, Robert Haswell

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Bevan Moore, Chairperson.

**Minutes:** Bevan Moore made a motion to accept October 2, 2018 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Bonnie Fierravanti. Motion Approved. Voting "yes" were Tyler Booth, Bevan Moore, Ann Mount, Bonnie Fierravanti, and Ann Purcell-Murray.

### **Director's Report:**

See attached-Report given by Ginny Burgess and Robert Haswell.

**Board of Education Representative's Report:** No Report Lillian Tanski Absent

**Youth Officer's Report:** No Report Kreg O'Brien Absent

**Faith Community Report:** Rev. Larissa Forsythe of the Congregational Church in South Glastonbury (South Church) reported that her Church in planning and implementing their *The Longest Night* services for December 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 at 7:00 PM. Rev. Forsythe reported that this service is designed to provide support to individuals who may be struggling during the Holiday Season. Rev. Forsythe reported that South Church is currently navigating the application process to become a WISE Congregation. She outlined that this designation signifies that the Church makes efforts to reduce stigma and promote inclusion of individual's suffering from mental illness. She reported that this would most likely be completed in March of 2019.

### **Progress on Goals:**

A commission member listed past ideas followed by request that a report be made during next meeting about community service opportunities. Further discussion was conducted on how to place donation boxes in local Churches. Two commission members confirmed they would be able to have these placed in their Churches. Commission members requested that Ginny Burgess provide list of supplies needed and all members agreed that an opportunity to provide monetary donations should be included with donation boxes.

The members discussed additional goals and a commission member put forward the idea of developing a group Listserv to disseminate ideas and coordinate efforts surrounding Youth and

Family events which led to discussion on barriers to advertising events. Discussion was held on past advertising practices and current barriers and how the commission may be able to help with advertising Youth and Family Programs. A commission member requested that a formal report be developed and presented by Youth and Family staff outlining past advertising efforts and barriers for events. A commission member recommended holding meetings between small groups of commission members to build relationships within the group which led to further discussion on how to have the commission remain task oriented. A commission member requested that a formalized commission directory be developed and disseminated.

**New Business:**

**Next Year's Meeting Schedule:** A commission member proposed discussion on what the best meeting schedule would be for the Youth and Family Commission moving forward. The commission members discussed how increased engagement by members could lead to decreased need for monthly meetings. A motion was made by Tyler Booth to hold the next commission meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Motion was seconded by Bevan Moore. Voting "yes" were Tyler Booth, Bevan Moore, Ann Purcell-Murray, Ann Mount and Bonnie Fierravanti.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Purcell-Murray- Acting Secretary.