

Youth Services Committee Meeting
April 6th 2016

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 PM

In attendance: John W., Pat B., Ade O., Ashley S. Willie M., Amy, Molly U., Cal D., George B., Bob G., Keith B.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report: (Brief Summary of John's report)

Interviews for the Interventionist position are underway with a handful of interviews held the last week in March. No decision has been made and the process is ongoing.

George, Wiley Samuels and John have been working together to hone a new job description to employ someone part-time to help bring back mentoring and Peace Circles to schools. They are looking for this program to attract about 20 interns from various schools. These interns would get trained in the Peace Circles System and fulfill group counseling skill hours for their universities while being supervised by John.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Intervention Program is also up for renewal this year and John and Bert have done about 5 presentations in the 2 communities and the COG to help answer any questions/concerns and provide additional info about the Interventionist program.

The Contract and Program development budget was increased by about 5% from \$200,000.00 to \$210,000.00.

Liaison Reports:

OP: On March 22 there was a board meeting and a presentation from the mental health board. Various groups came to present their FY2016 budget and projected FY2017 budget. All budgets were approved.

On Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m., there will be the annual town meeting held at Oak Park Township Senior Services. At that meeting, each one of the various committees will present to the board and town.

I.M.P.A.C.T. is forming a sub-committee about cultural competence. The committee is still in the planning phase.

R.F. Liaison, Carla, was unable to attend this meeting - she was attending another meeting in Springfield.

New Business:

A new River Forest member, Cal Davis, was approved and we welcomed him to the committee.

Three Contract requests were left for committee members to vote on.

- **Excelerated:**
 - Motion to fund at \$9038.00 by: Bob G.
 - Seconded by: George B.
 - Motion Passes Unanimously

Rationale: Bob, Pat and Marge conducted a site visit to gather some more details and info on the program. Overall, they felt that they had great leadership and the program seems very organized. Last year, the program received fabulous final reviews and it seemed like it made a very positive impact on the lives of the participants.

- **Parenthesis:**
 - Motion to fund at \$18,260.00 by: Bob G.
 - Seconded by: Keith B.
 - Motion Passes Unanimously

Rationale: The committee feels like this is one of the few programs that serves a specifically targeted high risk group. Historically, the program is incredibly successful at achieving one of their goals – preventing second unwanted pregnancies.

- **Steckman Studios**
 - Motion to fund on a scholarship basis at \$11,644.50 by: Bob G.*
 - Seconded by: Keith B.
 - Motion Passes Unanimously

*It was recommended that the money awarded to Steckman be granted as scholarships to Youth participating in the Steckman African Drum and Dance (Outloud!) Program with the amount not to exceed \$11,644.50. Those scholarships would be handled similarly to how Financial Aid Scholarship requests are handled.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:52 PM Motioned by: Pat B.