

Youth Services Committee meeting Wednesday, 9/4/07

Attendance:

Oak Park	Joint	River Forest
Ian Carroll, Connie Coleman, Anthony Garguilo, Kristina McLean, Lynette Lovely, Val Plomin, Lee Wade	Connie Coleman, Lynette Lovely, Val Plomin - OP; Angie Davis, Jim Fitch, John Hagensick - RF	Angie Davis, Jim Fitch, John Hagensick, Josie Lynn, Kelly Taira

Also present: Jacob Nelson, VOP; Veronica Krawczyk, RFT; Clarmarie Keenan, Roberta White-Hunter, John FS Williams, OPT.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:48pm.
- All three Committee meeting minutes from the August 1st meeting were approved.
- Jacob Nelson, VOP's Health Information Coordinator, presented to the Committee on health-related issues of interest to the community and youth in particular. The Committee offered their support in an initiative to address problems of youth and adult substance abuse youth in the community. In addition, Mr. Nelson will recommend conducting another youth survey at OPRFHS. The last one was completed in 2006.
- Director's Report
 - A new Interventionist has been hired. Conchita Tamondong starts tomorrow, September 6th, 2007.
 - Carrie Doyle is at Julian Middle School as the school social worker.
 - Michael J. Sletten is the new director of the River Forest Park District.
 - The Clear Sky Festival is being held Saturday, September 15th. Community Bank has signed on as a long-term sponsor.
 - The Bullying Prevention Program will start at Julian and Brooks Middle Schools.
 - The collaboration with Concordia to conduct groups at the elementary schools is moving forward with a meeting with Dr. Collins at District 97 and Dr. Robinson at Concordia. Some of the funding will be through the Intervention Program. There will be two groups of 8-10 students per group at each of the three middle schools, for a 10-week session.
 - OPRFHS Principal Vogel is interested in Committee support and funding for two programs for students, including one with an employment focus.
- Liaison Reports
 - Veronica Krawczyk, RFT: September 30th is the end of the audit. ★Flu shots will be available on October 24. ★Newsletter will be out the first week in October. ★Looking for new site for the special education program, and may end up at the Community Center. ★The Gift Basket program has started. ★Changes to the Open Meetings Act include allowing two members to meet and discuss issues.
 - Clarmarie Keenan, OPT: The Board of Trustees has started back on the regular meeting schedule of twice per month. ★Had a meeting with the administrators of the Gift Basket program to discuss future funding. ★A

change to the Community Mental Health Act will take effect at the end of October.

- New Business
 - Longfellow School has submitted a change to the *Together We Can* contract. The *ACE* program has been cancelled and replaced with an ISAT preparation program. The request will be sent to the Committee with the October meeting information.
 - Committee members are encouraged to submit items via email, for inclusion on the monthly meeting agenda.
 - The Budget Subcommittee will need to meet. Kelly and Jim agreed to be on the Committee.
 - A Program Subcommittee was formed to address timelines for contract requests, assigning Committee members to contractors, and other items related to the programming piece of the contracts. A motion was made to form the subcommittee and passed with one vote against. Subcommittee members include Lynette, Val, Josie, and Jim Fitch.
 - A motion to have a facilitator present at a regular business meeting to aid in a discussion of Committee procedure was made but did not pass.
- Old Business
 - The retreat has been postponed due to some discussion after the August meeting. Spring is set for a tentative date. The subcommittee will be reconvened to add clarity and focus to the agenda, as per the suggestion of both Township Boards.
- Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.