

MENDOCINO COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2019 Wednesday

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: (=PRESENT, =ABSENT)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave McQueary, City Ukiah PD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Bloom, MCOE Interim Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren Galletti, PAUSD
<input type="checkbox"/> Sean Kaiser, City of Ukiah PD	<input type="checkbox"/> Damon Dickinson, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Alt.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Walker, FBUSD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Westerburg, WUSD	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Iversen, UUSD
<input type="checkbox"/> Caroline Carine, Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Alt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beth Kirkley, Alt.

STAFF PRESENT: Joanna Olson, Executive Director; Randi Sanchez Mellus, HR Manager

CALL TO ORDER Barbara Bloom, called the meeting to order at 7:51 a.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

PAST MINUTES/AGENDA

- Approval November 28, 2019 minutes (B. Bloom, MCOE, motions to approve, M. Westerburg, WUSD seconds)
- Approval January 16, 2019 agenda (B. Bloom, MCOE, motions to approve, M. Westerburg, WUSD seconds)

ACTION ITEMS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PROGRAM REPORTS

Executive Director, Joanna Olson reported out on the following:

- MCYP was awarded the Transitional Housing Program grant through Cal-OES for transition age youth. This will provide \$300,000 per year for five years with up to 12 beds.
- We expect this shelter to be open by end of February, and will be named "Levine House," with Emergency Shelter reaming "K's Place."
- MCYP has been receiving donations of furniture for the new shelter.
- The Mendocino Family and Youth Services (MFYS) 501(c)3 component of MCYP is recruiting board volunteers.
- Discussions with Juvenile Probation will continue, amending the Foundations scope of work, reviewing possible funding for Restorative Justice (Fort Bragg) and Alcohol and Other Drugs (Willits), with program proposals to be developed in partnership with schools.

- The New Beginnings program will continue to be reviewed with Chief Izen Locatelli, Mimine Ambrois, Clinical Director and the E.D.
- Carter Grissom, PEI Program Director, developed and submitted a proposal to the Community Foundation, requesting \$8,000. to develop a Youth Council.
- AMFT, Felice Hensley who is currently a full time therapist is moving out of the area. She will remain at MCYP until mid-February. With this vacancy, the agency is seeking to hire a full time and one half time therapist.
- Cal OES Child Abuse Treatment funding of \$183, 772 has been approved. This funding award runs October 1st through September 30th. The Cal OES Child Sexual Abuse Treatment funding of \$72,000. was also approved. The funding award runs January 1st through December 31st.
- National Behavioral Council Advancing Trauma Informed Practices is progressing with the Management Team of the Youth Project, as well as partnering agencies. Partners include Redwood Counseling Services (currently inactive), Tapestry Family Services, Pinoleville Vocational Rehabilitation, Redwood Valley Rancheria/some ICWA members, and Round Valley Resource Center.

CFO Mandie Rojas reports out about her program:

- Vanessa Rodriguez moved from Front Desk Reception to the Fiscal Department at 25 hours per week, Nicole Flowers, also a current employee of MCYP, moved from her position as Youth Worker in PEI to the Fiscal Department in mid-December at 20 hours per week.
- The Fiscal Year 2017-18 Audit just concluded the day prior to board meeting, using Nigro & Nigro again. All the requested financial reports have been prepared and submitted. MCYP expect a good return, final audit results will be available within 4 weeks.

PEI Program Director reports out on his program:

- Shares an overview of the PEI program and what Youth Workers around the County do. Depending on funding streams, Youth Workers are in schools, where the kids are, and are able to get kids services before they become in crisis.
- Previously served more in crisis, runaways, homeless, high risk youth, etc. Now that Youth Workers are in the schools and do crisis response at the schools before they get to the runaway. MCYP has seen a reduction in high risk behaviors, due to catching them before they get to crisis or runaway, teen pregnancy, high risk behaviors.
- Carter shared his experience attending the RYTAC conference.
- Ukiah PEI location moved to a downtown location to be part of the local scene. He plans to build up the teen center, hold an open house once everything is set up and will participate in the first Fridays art walk.
- Eagle Peak Youth Worker Keenan Smith continues to work with 5th Grade Fire Survivors Group. After the Paradise Fire they have refocused the group on helping the survivors of that fire through producing a video of hope and inspiration. After the death of an Anderson Valley Youth our Youth Workers have been spending extra time on campus working with staff and students in crisis.
- A "Free Thinkers" poetry group has been started at South Valley with Youth Worker Jesennia Garcia as the facilitator.
- Youth Worker Jesennia Garcia is also working with schools and presenting to 75% of school population about opioids, and Fentanyl. Surveys included Fentanyl is being laced into opioids.
- Barbara requested MCYP bring that presentation to other areas, now that Jesennia has completed this presentation at Ukiah High. MCYP will be reaching out to Fort Bragg and Point Arena. Carter points out that opioid education is also rolled into Foundations course, AOD diversion course for first time offenders.
- MCYP is conducting discussions with Chief Locatelli to serve Transition Age Youth in a 5-week course. MCYP has an outline with proposal which Joanna is scheduled to discuss with him today.

- Staffing change in PEI: Carla will be leaving MCYP to work directly for FBUSD. Appreciation lunch for Carla on Friday the 18th will be held in Ukiah. Carter will absorb the management role of north coast, Amanda Durigan is being discussed as coordinator.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Interim Board Chair, Barbara Bloom, adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

February 20, 2019, 7:45 a.m. at MCYP

Minutes submitted by: Randi Sanchez, Human Resources Manager