

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2016**

PRESENT: Sue Campbell, Deanna Barash, Michele Fecht, Amy Knoth, Suzanne Lynn, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Lauren Romeo, Libby Smith / **ABSENT:** Symantha Heath

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Libby Smith called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

PROGRAM REPORT: Director Sue Campbell reported that Parent Camp at Northville High School on March 12 was a great success with about 350 parents of both middle and high school students attending. Sue facilitated two breakout sessions focusing on NYA's offerings and developmental assets. She has received several follow-up calls from Parent Camp participants interested in information about NYA's services. It was noted that participant feedback from the Parent Camp suggested offering the program in the fall. Registration is under way for CAMP Hillside and Meads Mill, which will take place August 15-19. Referrals increased significantly in March with NYA's three social workers maintaining 21 diversion clients on their caseloads. It was noted that the uptick may be due in part to the school district's increased efforts to refer students to NYA as an alternative to expulsion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Campbell and other Northville Township department heads met with finance officials to review revenue for next year. The budget is expected to be the same as the current year. Sue will be attending the City of Northville's budget session this week.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP: None.
- B. NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Deanna Barash reported the district's enrollment continues to grow with some school buildings — most notably the high school — at or beyond capacity. The district will be hiring additional staff — including Mandarin language teachers for the middle schools and high school. The district is expecting about 10 staff retirements.
- C. CITY OF NORTHVILLE: Marilyn Price reported that Northville City Council will be adopting its budget in May.

OLD BUSINESS: Director Campbell suggested an evaluation of NYA's diversion program be considered to obtain parent feedback and access the efficacy of the program. Commissioners Deanna Barash, Suzanne Lynn and Amy Knoth volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to develop a survey for the program's evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.