

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Libby Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Director Sue Campbell reported another successful year of CAMP Hillside and CAMP Meads Mill. The 80 participants — 40 at each middle school — met with teachers, administrators, other new students and learned about academic expectations as well as the layout of their respective buildings and how to open their lockers (one of the biggest stressors, according to parents). CAMP Meads Mill students had the added bonus of being among the first students to view the renovation of the school's Media Center and collaboration studio.

Director Campbell reported the completion of the diversion program evaluation for 2013-15 that looked at client participation rates and outcomes, as well as parent perceptions. She noted there was a good cross section of evaluation returns. Data showed that 89% of clients referred for diversion services completed the program successfully with an average of 9.18 sessions and 13.3 hours of community service. All parents who returned surveys agreed that their concerns as a parent were adequately addressed and that community service is a valuable component. Ninety percent of parents believe that their children learned from their mistakes and make better decisions as a result of participating in the program. In August, the three social workers had 12 diversion clients on their caseloads and were seeing three clients for counseling.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Director Campbell noted financials were on track with a slight uptick in postage due to the mailing and enclosure of a self-addressed stamped envelope for the diversion evaluations.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

- A. **NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Deanna Barash reported there are 40 new students enrolled in the district so far this year. Construction on the Media Center and collaboration studio at Meads Mill Middle School is nearly complete. She said the district is looking at long-term facility planning to address an anticipated influx of up to 300 new students during the next five years. The district will host Parent Camp again this year on October 22.
- B. **CITY OF NORTHVILLE:** Marilyn Price said city road projects continue with Elmsmere Drive currently being paved.
- C. **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** The commission tabled the director's evaluation until the September meeting. Director Campbell reported that NYA has received a generous \$5,000 from Main Street League. She also read a letter to the commission from an appreciative summer camper.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Campbell told the commission she is evaluating the after-school music lesson program. Only 20 students are currently participating in the program, and possible rental fees for facility usage could make it unsustainable.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.