**Commission for Children and Youth**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 15, 2021, 5:15 pm**

**Via Zoom**

Commissioners Present

Gillian Donovan

Denise Harvey

Jane Hoeffner

Emma Spaulding

Knox Watson

Commissioner Absent

Denese Marshall

Knox Watson

Michele Tivey

Shara Kolodney

Other Attendees

Laura Cleary, Youth Services Director

Charlene Monn, Youth Services Program Coordinator

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order 5:16 pm
2. Approval of February minutes: D. Harvey made a motion to approve Feb minutes; unanimously approved.
3. Reports:

* WOW Spring : (C Monn). Spring catalogue is online, 18 programs offered for K-8. Spring is virtual. School has given go ahead for in person summer programs, with some caveats. Also be some virtual summer WOW for people who may prefer that. SPARK business academy will offer programs for teens, a new thing for WOW.
* WYS Report (L. Cleary) Shifting a part of my hours to Social Services starting in May. Temporary and will need to be evaluated. Discussion of possible future move to a combined Human Services Dept. A temporary solution to Social Services needs that will need to be evaluated as we go. Laura may be less available for some youth services activities; available to discuss as needed.
* Student updates:
  + Knox: working with student govt on a Welcome to Weston High School video for 8th graders. Ready to film pending covid approvals. Knox asking if anyone has thoughts about -is there is an effective medium for engaging middle schoolers? Discussed possible ideas. Offered Knox to attend 3/29 Coalition meeting and present about it to connect with ideas from Coalition members.
  + High school update; SGA focused on prom, graduation and senior activities to happen. Likely prom will be at Amber room May 14th (ish). Welcoming kids back to the high school, no more cohorts. J. Hoefner: a lot of excitement in the air when she dropped her son off today. Re: Graduation, current plan (idea) is to have graduation on football field and limit participants.
  + Emma: no updates. A lot better now that there is a consistent schedule.

1. Other member updates:
   * Gillian Donovan mentioned that she is seeing increase in referrals to her private therapy practice, high number opf referrals with young kids, Anxiety, ADHD. Things that are hard to manage in a normal time. Waiting lists with therapists who treat kids.
2. New ideas/discussion: Nothing raised.
3. For the good of the order: Nothing raised.
4. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 5:45.

Next meeting: April 19, 2021 5:30-6:45 @ virtual