

Subject: AHM Minutes & Executive Directors Report

AHM YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 1, 2005

Members Present: P. Morency, K. Corl, H. Byrne, R. Davis, D. Esslinger,

W. Machowski, V. Wallace, J. Yorio

Staff: J. Rosenberg, B. Perry

Guests: Robin Lane, Al Wooster

Approval of Minutes – February 2005: The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report: The Financial Report will now be e-mailed to Board Members. The report was reviewed by the Board. J. Rosenberg reported that the Hebron Board of Education has unofficially discussed cutting funding for the AHM Social Work position. The net amount is not yet know. The Oversight Committee has met and accepted the AHM Budget as presented.

Executive Director's Report: J. Rosenberg reported the Andover Elementary School needs a mentor for a student as soon as possible.

On March 6, 2005 there will be a piano recital to honor and dedicate the piano to the Hughes children. There are 12 performers.

W. Machowski and Joel will be meeting with B. Morin to discuss transportation for the Teen Center.

AHM has not had a Benefactors Ceremony in several years. Joel would like to see a brief ceremony done possibly at the AHM Annual Meeting in June. Joel asked for volunteers to help with this event.

On Friday, Joel will be speaking to a group of Youth Service Bureaus regarding the clinical program.

Committee Reports:

Mentoring: D. Esslinger reported that on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00p.m. at AHM. Jill Spinetti Director of the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership is going to be a guest speaker.

Finance Committee: N. Stelzner will be attending the April or May meeting to give an overview of the financial statement with some graphs and answer any questions about the budget/

Project Graduation: J. Yorio reported the last meeting went well with 15 people attending. The RHAM Senior Advisors worked with the committee on a combined letter with the class dues.

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Youth Today: K Corl reported on interviewing K. Michaud and remarked on pleased she was with the show. Kay will be interviewing P. Morency focusing on the telethon and Joel will be updating AHM information on another show.

Investment Committee: K. Corl stated that she has nothing new to report.

FRC Advisory Committee: H. Byrne reported that there was a meeting at the beginning of February. The Hebron Board of Education will be invited to visit the Play & Learn Groups.

this year. The proceeds from the event enabled AHM to purchase a piano for the Performing Arts Hall.

STAFF REPORTS

High School Student Support Services – reported by *Bevin Perry*

The Peer Helpers have been preparing for the Alcohol Awareness Week, being planned for the beginning of May. This will be the third year of sponsoring awareness activities, with support from ERASE. Thirteen Peer Helpers attended the Peers Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) conference on March 17. They attended workshops on a variety of topics related to teen issues. This conference is the highlight of the year for the Peer Helpers, and we had a great time! The training for the ADL Peer Training program will be beginning in April. This will include 3 days of leadership and diversity trainings, with follow up meetings to help prepare the students to lead presentations in local schools. The Peer training program is designed to train high school students to deliver student run diversity trainings for their peers. They may provide programs for elementary, middle or high school students. Referrals continue to come in regularly from the administrators, Guidance, parents and the students themselves.

Middle School Student Support Services - reported by *Peggy Tunick*

In the wake of the tragedy that affected our school as well as our community last week, I was overwhelmed by the support offered by my fellow employees at AHM as well as by a number of individuals within the larger community. AHM staff members provided direct support to children both within the school and at ceremonies within the community. Staff representatives from all of the schools were involved in supporting our children and their families. Members of the clergy and the police were vital partners throughout the week. I am proud to work in a community in which everyone can come together in a time of need and put the interests of children and families first.

K-6 Student Support Services – reported by *Jennifer Bundy*

Elementary Social Work Services for each of the three schools are continuing to go well. I am currently serving 19 students individually on a weekly basis. The Grief Support Group and the two Lunch Bunch groups are continuing nicely. On April 6th & 7th, I gave a total of 9 presentations to each of the kindergarten classes at Gilead Hill School. The topics for each presentation were self esteem, stranger danger and decision making.

Lanterns Mentoring Program – reported by *Sara Cimbaro*

During the past month, mentors and mentees continued their weekly meetings in the schools; one new pair began meeting at Andover Elementary School. Jill Spinetti, the Director of the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, came to speak to Lanterns mentors in early March, and she presented on topics including recent statistics, mentoring skills, and volunteer recruitment. Several community members who expressed an interest in joining the program were also in attendance for Ms. Spinetti's presentation. The Lanterns Executive Committee has also met to discuss event planning and outreach, and recruitment efforts for the fall have begun. A mentoring open house is being planned for late April.

Clinical Program – reported by *Sandra Plummer*

Clinical caseload is currently 55 cases with 6 new intakes during the month of February.

Teen Center- reported by *Ali Stahl*

February was a fun month at the Teen Center! Daily attendance was consistently high with an average of 8.06 teens a day. The following is an update of past and upcoming Teen Center events!

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Youth Commission Meeting	2/28	The monthly meeting of the Teen Center advisory	11 teens

group.

Piano Recital	3/6	Featuring musicians of all ages with a	12 performers
		reception to honor the contributions of	and family
		and	
		the Hughes family to the Teen Center.	friends
“Napolian	3/9,	Showing of the popular teen movie	Approx. 10
Dynamite”	3/14	with tater tots served.	teens
April Fools	4/1	An opportunity for middle and high	TBD
Open Mic		school musicians to perform in a	
Night		fun and casual environment.	
Teen Center Art	4/5	A reception to honor student	TBD
Gallery		artists who contributed to the	11+ artists
		Teen Center contest. Their art will	
		be on display for family and friends.	

Family Resource Center – reported by *Becky Murray*

Play and Learn Groups:

Groups are going well, busy despite difficult weather

Lectures/Discussion Groups:

A Book Discussion, Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys by Dan Kindlon and Michael Thompson, was facilitated by Chris Salvio and Becky Murray in Marlborough on February 15. There was a lively discussion on helping boys deal with emotions.

“Autism and ADHD: New treatment Approaches”, a lecture by Dr. Jose Miguel Mullen, was presented on Monday, March 14 at 7 PM at AHM. (This was rescheduled due to a snowstorm). 26 people attended

Special Events:

Bubblemania was held on Friday, February 25 at 10:00 am and 11:30 at AHM. The program was very successful, with 176 people attending!

Marlborough:

A five-session **cooking group** for children and parents concluded. Parents and children enjoyed it according to surveys administered at last session.

Day Care Training:

CPR/First Aid Training was held on March 1 and 3 at the AHM building. 19 day care providers attended.

Upcoming:

Day care dinner and training, **“Factors Influencing Child Development”** will be held on March 29 at 6:30 PM in AHM PAC room

Book Discussion, Growing a Girl, will be held on March 29 at 8:45 in Marlborough.

Winnie the Pooh Festival will be held on March 21 in AHM PAC Room.

Dinner and Forum for community members on the State's Universal PreKindergarten Initiative will be held on April 12 at AHM at 6 PM.

New 5-week **cooking class** to start in Marlborough on March 30 from 1:15-2:15.

New 5-week **arts and crafts class** to start in Marlborough on April 7 from 10:15-11:15.