

**Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services**

**Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019; 5:30 PM**

**Youth & Family Services Offices,**

**322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475**

*“To collaboratively support and advocate for positive relationships in an inclusive community”*

<b>I. Roll Call</b>	<p><b>Attendant Members:</b> Jennifer Welsh, Chair; Mike Rafferty, Retired Educator, Jonathan Paradis, Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation; Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Nursing Board Representative</p> <p><b>Absent Members:</b> Lisa Castro, Old Saybrook Middle School Counselor, Michael Spera, Chief of Police; Sharon Tiezzi, Member-at-large</p> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b> Joe Bradley, Khushi Patel <b>Absent Student Representatives:</b> Kyle Wisialowski, Carissa Schilke</p> <p><b>Attendant Staff:</b> Heather McNeil, Executive Director Wendy Mill, Program Coordinator Brittany Eckert, Program Coordinator Emily Dowds, Intern Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk</p>
<b>II. Call to Order</b>	H. McNeil called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance
<b>III. Comments from the Public</b>	No one from the public was present.
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><b>Motion</b> made by M. Rafferty to approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 1, 2019 as presented.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by M. Iadarola and approved.</p>
<b>V. Chairman’s Comments</b>	J. Welsh commented and praised the community collaboration, the cast/crew and the message of OSHS play, <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</i> .
<b>VI. Director’s Report for 11/12/2019</b>	<p>H. McNeil introduced W. Mill to discuss the activities of E3.</p> <p><b>E3</b> Having graduated 5 seniors, E3 gained 3 new members (including student reps Khushi &amp; Joe). With 10 trained facilitators, it is an active group. Big push to recruit underclassmen. Governor’s Prevention Partnership (GPP) contact position is currently vacant, somewhat limiting the networking opportunities across other groups. However E3 is strong and has been active all 4yrs.</p> <p>Oct 22 student led vaping assembly (OSHS &amp; OSPD), Amnesty Vaping Buyback. Oct 29- vaping assembly for parents, video recorded &amp; posted to website.</p> <p>OSMS would like to bring it to 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders (smaller group talkbacks after the assembly)- Jan 10, 2020??</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health classes in the high school (3 sessions), primarily freshman.</li><li>• Nov 21- Social Hosting w/attorney &amp; Sticker Shock, Paint the Town campaign- Safe Home (flag)</li><li>• CAPP (CT. Association of Prevention Professionals)- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month Wendy &amp; 1 E3 student</li><li>• JAC (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade)</li><li>• CADCA conference (4 students, Wendy)- would like to go again. Will reach out to PHN Board, Rotary Club, etc for support.</li><li>• Wellness Days in the Spring</li></ul>

	<p><b>Brittany Eckert, New Program Coordinator Early Childhood</b>  After School Clubs underway. Kathy Cobb@ Saybrook Village hosting intergenerational baking &amp; making lunches. Other clubs include craft club, yoga/vision board, etc.  The 4<sup>th</sup> grade move from OSMS to Goodwin has had a big impact. Last year approx. 43% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders had participated in after school clubs. Many 4<sup>th</sup> graders going to Acton Library unattended, 1<sup>st</sup> graders being left out of activities-definitely a niche that needs to be addressed.  Circle of Security- 6wk parenting classes. Evidence based facilitators OSECC in Feb.2020.  Other: Family Day 1 Book, 1 Town, MomZone /Early Childhood Resource Fair</p> <p><b>Heather</b>  YAC Pasta Dinner successful. Freemasons donated \$500 for YAC only.  Lake Compounce Halloween- great for all (20-25 attendees)  CAPP- looking for more grants  In-School psycho-ed programs: school recognizes the need to bring in YFS, validation for the staff. Dr. Bachmann &amp; Sheila Riffle came into staff mtg. to thank OSYFS.  Clinton School loss- suicide prevention. Reach out to other schools along the shoreline.  Heather is ADA rep for town-removing barriers to care- language (translation, hearing impaired, etc), training for outbreak of influenza, anthrax and emergency management.  Budget Process  Turkey Distribution w/OSPD: November 25-26  Holiday Giving sign-ups and community partnerships underway. S. Consoli, National Honor Society students go out w/ Wendy to shop. Monetary donations accepted as well.</p>
<b>VII. Old Business</b>	HCHY survey to include 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> graders??
<b>VIII. New Business</b>	<p><b>Action steps and advocacy or report on initiatives by Commission members</b>  Next YFS Commission meeting scheduled for <b>December 3, 2019@ 5:30PM</b></p>
<b>IX. Other Business</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>X. Adjournment</b>	<b>Motion</b> made by M. Rafferty to adjourn the meeting at 6:32PM. The motion was seconded by M. Iadarola and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk