

Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services
Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2021; 5:00 PM
Via Teleconference Due to COVID19/Corona Virus State of CT Public Health Emergency

YFS Commission Meeting Playlist:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp8lRBZS_ZdP8IwLPaujsfIH

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

I. Roll Call	<p>Attendant Members: Mike Rafferty, Chair; Michael Spera, Chief of Police; Lisa Castro, Old Saybrook Middle School Counselor; Jeff Harder, Community At-Large Member, Jonathan Paradis, Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation, Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Health Nursing Board Representative</p> <p>Absent Members: David Plotkin, Community At-Large Member Absent Student Representatives: Kyle Wisialowski, Libby Stuart, Joe Bradley</p> <p>Attendant Staff: Heather McNeil, Executive Director Susan Consoli, Social Services Coordinator Angela Gaidry, Commission Clerk</p>
II. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:59 pm by M. Rafferty Pledge of Allegiance
III. Comments from the Public	No comments.
IV. Approval of Minutes	Motion made by M. Iadarola to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 2, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Harder and approved.
V. Chairman’s Comments	M. Rafferty – no Chairman’s comments. Read complimentary statement from D. Plotkin re: program coordinator, Brittany Eckert, on the virtual mtg. re: Circle of Security presentation to his class. She did a great job and class found it important and informative. Thank you to Brittany.
VI. Director’s Report for 4/06/2021	<p>Introduction H. McNeil: Introduce Susan Consoli, OS Social Services Coordinator</p> <p><u>Susan:</u> Increase in new 1st time families utilizing social services and state resources. Healthcare needs up approx. 300%, many 211 calls referred to OS Light at the end of the tunnel as more people get vaccinated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Services Help Days return as a drive-thru format, partnering with Lions Club & YMCA. • Upcoming: April 22 (4th Thurs of month), May 27, June 24 • Dental supplies, soap & toiletries given out in addition to the food. • Bus- UNITE CT on SS Help Days (9am-12noon) to help sign-up for state programs • Virtual CAFÉ on April 22 @ 6pm- about the various programs • Salvation Army – Camp CONRI will return. More info. to come. • School supplies for fall distribution - date TBD <p>*Chief Spera mentioned the availability/abundance of supplies when needed. S. Consoli will let him know once date decided.</p>

	<p><u>H. McNeil:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Referrals: increase in adults in the community. Some reasons include: anxiety re: vaccine, anxiety re: return to “normalcy”, general anxiety • Credentialing/Billing & Electronic Medical Records: considering companies including Simple Practice (approx.. July 1st) • Spring/Summer Programming- small in-person groups to reintegrate students back to campus • After School Programs (TBA to begin late April) • No CAFÉ (May, June, July) • Prevention programs (mini-YAC) formerly “summer teen trips” another connection back w/students • Fall Freshman Transition @ Camp Hazen – connection back w/students. This year’s OSHS freshman class did not have the opportunity. So this Fall 2021, YFS will facilitate daytime sessions for new freshman class and sophomore class (this year freshman class). • Wilderness Challenge (DCF approved) – 7th-8th co-ed, 3 nights instead of 5. • In-School Services (addit. \$ from grant) – social/emotional developmental programs. • H. McNeil speaking @ Board of Selectman mtg. Tues 4/13 re: marijuana legislation and impact on Old Saybrook community (i.e. concerns re: recent pop-up storefronts) • MFT Intern fully vaccinated and returning to OSMS (group support & individual clients)
VII. Old Business	Nothing to report.
VIII. New Business	Action steps and advocacy or report on initiatives by Commission members. Next YFS Commission meeting May 4, 2021.
IX. Other Business	Nothing to report.
X. Adjournment	Motion made by Chief Spera to adjourn the meeting at 5:23PM. L. Castro seconded. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk