

# North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** Monday, January 22, 2018 6:00pm

**Location:** North Reading Town Hall, Rm. 10

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Amy DiChiara	Judy Hall	Amy Luckiewicz, Y.S. Director
Frank Ferraro, Vice-Chair	Leslie Shultz	Kathy Dardeno	Jason Slattery
Leslie Schultz	Christy Dampousse	Karen Buscemi, Secretary	
	Samantha Miller	Sandy Garniss	
	Patti Harrington		

**Chairman Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.**

- Review of Previous Minutes:** Nov 27, 2017 minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
- Financial Report:** Amy Luckiewicz distributed the financial report and outlined her cell phone bill is under the DCF grant and not the operating budget. It has been under the DCF grant since October. There were no questions. There were two December field trips. During the first field trip, Amy encountered difficulty in restarting the van to return back to town. Given the uncertainty with regard to the reliability of the van, Amy rented a van for the second field trip of December break. This cost is outlined in the expenses and totals \$140.
- Participation Report:** Enrollment is up overall and on track to pass last year.
- Social Services Report:** It has been quiet since October. The calls received have mostly been regarding anxiety.
- CIT Update:** Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIURT) drug screening is now available in the high schools. Amy has been asked to be the community reference for the program, a requirement by the state. She has seen an increase in high school collaboration. Amy believes this is due in part to the presence of a school committee member now involved in the coalition.
- Amy provided an overview on activities with regard to the research that went into the Vaping presentation which is currently offered to town employees and town committee members during each of 4 half hour presentations offered today, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be presented to the community at large on March 1st at 7PM in the library activity room. Amy is also invited to speak during Parent University on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Amy and Detective Lucci went undercover in town to establishments that are permitted to sell vaping products and tobacco. Currently the town laws allow the sale of unflavored vaping products (which does include mint varieties) but not flavored vaping products. The sale of tobacco is restricted to persons over the age of 21. Upon visiting Lucky Mart, Amy and the Detective found "Go Nanas" and "Naked Unicorn" flavored vaping products available on the shelves. This incident was reported to the regional authority and Board of Health. Upon entering the Daily Vapor store located behind Wendy's, Amy and the Detective were immediately asked for identification. They were in compliance with town regulations and offered educational information to Amy and Det. Lucci.
- While reviewing the shelves at Lucky Mart, Amy also found a product called "Adult Fetish Urine". This is a legal product whose sale is permitted in the town. The box contains "imitation urine" and paraphernalia to raise the temperature of the imitation urine to body temperature. Such a product would yield either a negative or inconclusive test result during a probation urine test. If inconclusive the individual now has additional time to clear the drug from his/her system. It is uncertain if it is sophisticated enough to pass a legal urine test. Amy was also advised by a friend who manages a vitamin shop that consuming detox products in certain quantities followed by large amounts of water will help you to flush toxins out of the kidney faster.
- CIT is also co-hosting "No First Time" with the High School Parent Association, at the High School Distance Learning Lab at 7PM on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Coalition is advocating against a proposed cannabis regulation. A facility that is allowed to sell cannabis must purchase a license to do so. By current law, part of the licensing fee as well as a portion of the profits are returned to the town for the dedicated purpose of drug prevention activities. Some cannabis sellers are petitioning the Cannabis Control Commission to change this process. They are attempting to change the law such that only towns that opt-into permitting recreational cannabis would receive such funds. The Coalition is writing an advocacy letter against this.
- PRIDE survey** – there is another survey being drafted to collect core measurement data. This survey will separate "vaping" from "tobacco" in order to get a better baseline read of vaping activity. It will be administered via Survey Monkey.

11. **Old Business – Job Description:** Peter recapped the current status of the job description. No one present at tonight's meeting had any further edits to the draft. Peter will inform the Town Administrator that the NRYS committee accepts the description as it is now written. Peter and Frank, as well as a not yet identified sub-group of committee members, will be available to participate in the review of candidate resumes as well as the interview process. The job description will be posted by the town tomorrow, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The job description still does not have "North Reading Youth (and Family) Services in the title as this has to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. The candidates for the position will be informed that the intent is for youth and families. The deadline for resume submission is undefined. Frank estimates it to be 4-6 weeks based on previous hires.
12. **Old Business – Education Update:** Amy has two classes left in order to graduate. She will finish March 31<sup>st</sup>.
13. **New Business – Voting on Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the year 2018.** Amy queried the room for nominations for Committee Chair. Several members nominated Peter. A vote was taken and Peter was elected Committee Chair. Peter queried the room for nominations for Committee Vice Chair. Several members nominated Frank. A vote was taken and Frank was elected Committee Vice Chair. Karen Buscemi, in absentia, was nominated for Secretary by several members. She will serve as the Secretary for the year should she accept.
14. **New Business – Committee meeting attendance.** Several times over the past year, the Committee has nearly missed reaching a quorum due to absences of committee members. Both Kathy Dardeno and July Hall have not attended the last eleven meetings. Other committee members have attempted to reach out to inquire about their continued interest in committee participation. There has been no response from either member. The Committee decided that Peter would send a certified paper letter by February 19<sup>th</sup> requesting their resignation if they no longer desired to actively participate and attend meetings.

**Next meeting:** Monday, February 26, 2018 - 6:00pm, Room 10

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Documents/Handouts	
Participation Report	Copy of Youth Services Director Job description
Committee Meeting Agenda	Committee Minutes from November Meeting
Financial Report	Vaping flyer

*February 26, 2018*  
 Minutes Approved on Date

*Peter Majane*  
 Peter Majane, Committee Chair