

## NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2011

**Present:** John Buckland, Mary Culik, Nancy Darga, Sandra Larson, Chuck Murdock, Janet Naughton, Marilyn Price, Ken Romine, Chris Roosen, Sue Campbell

**Absent:** None

**Meeting Called to Order** —The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

### Minutes

The minutes for the November 8, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.

### Program Report

NYA Director Sue Campbell shared the following report:

- **Commission** — Campbell thanked NYA Commission members Mary Culik, Janet Naughton and Marilyn Price for their year's of service. Culik and Naughton are retiring from the Commission after six years of service. Retiring school board member Price, who has served as the Commission's school board representative, will remain on the Commission as a city representative. In addition, Libby Smith will be joining the Commission in January as a township representative.
- **Conference** — Campbell reported on the Mentor Michigan conference she attended in Lansing. The keynote speaker was Dr. Renee Spencer, a professor at the Boston University School of Social Work. She provided information on research in the field of mentoring, including a meta-analysis by David DuBois that concluded mentoring can simultaneously improve academic, behavior, and social and emotional health outcomes for young people. Campbell said it was helpful to be reminded that the success of mentoring programs is measured by the quality of the programs offered to young people, not the quantity.
- **Mentoring** — Four new mentors completed training on November 29. Unfortunately, two many not be able to be matched at this time due to work and personal issues that have arisen. The other two new mentors, however, are excited for the opportunity to be matched as soon as possible. On November 30, a group of mentors and mentees enjoyed an evening of bowling at Novi Bowl and on December 7, mentors and mentees joined the community's senior citizens for a holiday dinner.
- **Social Work Services** — Social workers Liza Glanton-Miles and Keely Bartel are currently seeing 15 diversion clients. They are also seeing 10 clients for counseling.

### Financial Report

Ken Romine reported NYA will likely transfer more than \$20,000 into its fund balance at the end of the year. He asked if it would be possible to find out NYA's fund balance after the first of the year. Campbell said that number will be available after the audit is complete in March or April. Campbell said Township Finance Director Thelma Kubitskey is always willing to attend an NYA Commission meeting to answer questions.

### Evaluation of Director

Sandra Larson said she and Chuck Murdock will meet with Campbell soon to share the evaluation results. A final copy of the evaluation will be sent to Township Supervisor Chip Snider and City Manager Patrick Sullivan for their records.

### 2012 NYA Goals

Campbell shared a draft of the NYA Long-Term Program Goals and 2012 Objectives with Commissioners for review and comment. A lengthy and fruitful discussion ensued. Campbell will revise the goals and objectives using Commission input. Marilyn Price and Janet Naughton offered to help with this task and it was agreed the three would meet later in the week. Campbell will share the revised document with Commissioners via e-mail for any additional comments. She will present the final goals and objectives to the City Council in early January.

### Volunteer Appreciation

Campbell reported that invitations to the January 12, 2012 Volunteer Appreciation event have gone out and Commissioners should have received theirs. The event will include a celebration of NYA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Chris Roosen said a new DARE officer has been appointed for the township.

**Adjournment** — The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

**The next Commission meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 8 a.m. at the  
Northville Youth Assistance Offices in the Senior Community Center**