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**NORWICH YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

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**MINUTES**

Youth Advisory Board

January 10, 2023, 3pm

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**In Attendance:** Erin Haggan (YFS), Kimberly Siefert-Charles (Waterford Juvenile Court) Teairez Atunbi (DCF), Cara-Lynn Turner (Community Member), Gerald Dillenbeck (Community member), Jon Turban (NPS), Jen Croce (Mobile Crisis) Bob McKinney (PD)

**Absent:** Leopoldine Bertrand (unexcused), Sue Dubb (unexcused)

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**1. Old Business**

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**Review & Approval of Minutes:** All agreed to approve minutes for May 2022 and September 2022 meeting.

**Vacancies:** Norwich Free Academy Staff (1), Youth Representative (1)

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**2. New Business**

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• **Staffing Updates**

- The Board elected Teairez Atunbi as Chair
- The Board elected Cara-Lynn Turner Vice-Chair
- Community spot anticipated to be filled by Gerald Dillenbeck
- Bylaws provided to all members at the meeting.

**Upcoming Events/Programs**

- 988 connects to 211 in Ct, urgent crisis centers are supposed to be open for each DCF Region (possibly open in March)
  - Waitlists for mental health services continue to grow
  - Parent led group from grade K-8 through NPS
  - Discussed goal to have events in community neighborhoods to get more community members involved.
  - Community/Family dance scheduled for February
  - Officer McKinney speaking with kids about boundaries
  - Discussed lack of connections between youth and trusted adults, and finding more opportunities for meaningful connection between parents and children.
  - YFS offering Prevention for Marijuana/vaping 1<sup>st</sup> time offense through the school, also classes on conflict resolution and bullying
  - Erin will promote flyer for NFA and Youth rep for the Board
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**Next Meeting: April, 2022, 3pm**

**Location: Youth, Family, & Rec Building, 75 Mohegan Road, Norwich**

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