
MINUTES

May 9 2023, 3pm

Youth & Family Services Advisory

75 Mohegan Road

1. **In Attendance:** Erin Haggan (YFR), Sue Dubb (Uncas Health District), Gerald Dillenbeck (Community Member), Kimberly Siefert-Charles (Juvenile Probation), Jon Turban (NPS), Bob McKinney (School Recourse Officer), Jen Croce (Mobile Crisis), Sarah Warzecha (YFR)

Absent: Michael Garcia (unexcused), Teairez Atunbi (excused)

2. Old Business:

Review & Approval of March Minutes: Approved

Program Updates :

- Norwich Public Schools are not doing summer school 2023 in person
- Summer camps are half full, preschool camp lacking registration, booklets will continue to be passed out.
- Billboards in four languages for summer youth programs, staff are going to schools, providing program books Mohegan park, social media, 600 program books to still hand out.
- Wellness walk will have mobile crisis

3. New Business

Community Outreach/strategies for 2023:

- Spring/summer booklet provided to all members at meeting
- Promoting pro-social- adults/kids are spending a lot of time alone which has impacted peoples mental health
- Senior center/kids take one teach one – connecting kids to teach seniors how to use their phone, Senior youth mentor program, seniors tutor
- Dance – suggest people turn in phone, difference between screen time and social media
- Summer youth employment kids – how to clean up social media, educate them on when it is appropriate to use their phone

Community Concerns/Recommended Service's Needs:

- Trauma prevention – making the environment safer, trauma training

- Community concerns – there isn't a voice or people may not feel comfortable speaking up about issues in their community. Are people aware of community meetings and is this something they are able to attend.

Upcoming Events/Programs: Narcan training, Hidden in Plain Sight, Wellness Walk and Bike safety event, Summer Camp, Summer Youth Employment

Next Meeting: July 11 2023, 3pm

Location: 75 Mohegan Road
