



# Minutes

## Youth & Family Advisory Board

Sept 12, 2023, 3pm  
Youth, Family, & Recreation Building  
75 Mohegan Road

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1. **Roll Call** – Erin Haggan (YFR), Kimberly Siefert-Charles (Juvenile Probation), Teairez Atunbi (DCF), Vivian Lau (NFA Student), Jondez Silvan (DCF Youth), Gerald Dillenbeck (Community Member), Bob McKinney (School Recourse Officer), Jen Croce (Mobile Crisis)  
Absent - Michael Garcia(Norwich tec)unexcused, Sue Dubb excused (Uncas Health District)
2. **Review & Approve May Minutes** - July Approved by all members

### 3. **Old Business**

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- **Back to school resources** – Human Services, Saint Vincent De Paul bookbag give away w/ supplies.
  - Community relationship building & strategy updates** – Mentor, promote events through door to door by young adults, starting group/club in school which could filter into community events, go to middle school and NFA education & connection, Youth leaders to create grant proposal which can relate to a recreational center, Block Party - bus will complete 3 stops for to assist transportation for families – bouncy houses, DJ, sports, vendors.
  - Direct community data collection ideas/updates** - Survey written, online possible have QR code to complete survey
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### 4. **New Business**

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- Appointment of Youth Member** – Vivian Lau was appointed, all were in favor –Vivian - Student counsel, volunteer – Backus hospital, played piano at senior centers, taught Chinese at middle school.
  - Election of Co-Chair** – Gerald Dillenbeck, all were in favor.
  - Program Updates** – Norwich Youth, Family, Recreation Fall book provided, highlighting block party, Link to view online, QR code will be provided so they can access from their phone.
  - Youth family coordinator** still open position – closing date 9/15/23,
  - Norwich Youth, Family, and Family Services looking for peer advocate** ages 18-25 (prevention, social media)
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-**Chris Herren** coming @ Three Rivers – hope to have him come early to have dinner with athletes, UCC – opened in New London

-**Youth Perceptions & Discussion** regarding community needs, challenges & successes – having peers spread the word,

- **Open discussion & reaction to youth perceptions** – Special meeting to include kids to participate in an open conversation to gain feedback on a agenda that will be created by the board.

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**Next Meeting: November 14, 2023, 3pm**

**Location: Youth, Family & Recreation Building**

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