

Youth Services Committee Meeting
June 8th 2016

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM

In attendance: Kim F., Dick B., Pat B., Marge T., Ade O., John W., Ashley S., George B., Tom B., Anna S,

Public Comments: None

Director's Report: This week, we welcomed our new Interventionist, Tianna Hill. Melissa and Bert have been taking her around town to introduce her to various members of the community throughout her first week.

Last week, John attended a meeting at Anne's House, a group home for sexually exploited women. During that meeting, the topic of in-house needs came up. Donations for the items listed below would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped off at the Township Office (105 S. Oak Park Ave.).

In-house needs include:

- Feminine care products
- Toothpaste
- Linen
- Blender
- Pots
- Pans
- Plastic cups
- Toilet paper
- Shower curtain
- Towels

Gift cards to: Target, Sally's Beauty Supplies, Walmart

They are also looking for a public health nurse to help establish an airborne pathogen performance plan.

Discussed at length was an article that appeared in the Wednesday Journal about the Cargo Circles John and George have been conducting at Beye Elementary. Cargo Circles is being recognized for how effective they are. George reported what a difference he saw in the way kids are interacting with each other. Overall, the students are reacting with more patience, understanding and empathy towards each other. The committee had an open discussion on what the best way to set up process goals would be so that this can be delivered as a direct service. Questions arose on what the best approach to help grow the program so that it can function successfully without having to solely rely on 2 people running it. Now that the board has approved funds for it, the next step is to negotiate with D97 to see how this could become more of a partnership.

Liaison Reports:

Oak Park: As of August 20, 2016, the minimum age for the purchase of tobacco and nicotine will be raised to 21. September 21 will be Township Appreciation Day.

River Forest: Carla, the River Forest Liaison, was unable to attend the meeting.

New Business: The committee is working on scheduling a retreat for later this summer. We will not be having a meeting in July and will resume in August. Members suggested that we use the August meeting as a launch pad to gather ideas for a full day retreat to take place on a Saturday in September. More details to come on the August and September meeting

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:16 PM