City of Middletown
Youth Services Bureau
Advisory Board

REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2019
Middletown Youth Services Bureau
6:00 PM

Meeting Notes

Attending: Seb Giuliano, Michael Awdziewicz, Melinda Brainerd, Brian Farrell, Bill Porter

Staff: Justin Carbonella, coordinator; Katie Kesten, admin.

YIG: Jewel Lucien, Aidan McMillan, Dermot McMillan, Nora Smith

A. Call to Order – Justin Carbonella called the meeting to order @ 6:08 p.m. and declared that we did not meet quorum.

B. Approval Meeting Minutes / Notes
Held for quorum.

C. YSBAB Recruitment Discussion – Justin shared with the Board the Youth Services Advisory Board (YSBAB) current roster and mandated requirements dictated by the City’s Charter. The Board discussed that the constraints of the Charter may need to be altered to allow for more flexibility for joining YSBAB members. Seb Giuliano mentioned that we should wait until after the December Common Council meeting to bring to the Council as the existing Common Council will not want to make any changes before the newest members are in place after the November 5, 2019 election.

D. Review and Feedback of MYSB Draft Community Information Sheets – Justin shared with the Board the draft versions of the MYSB Community Information Sheets (English and Spanish versions) explaining that these will be primarily in the hands of Middletown Police Officers to be used when on calls involving youth and families that need additional supports. Bill Porter shared with the Board the two information sheets that the MPD are currently using and explained that these were the genesis for the creation of the MYSB Community
Information Sheets. The size of the MYSB Information Sheet will be pocket sized, like the examples Bill shared, to allow for MPD ease in use. Some of the language used on the draft sheet was discussed and suggestions made to soften it or to make it clearer. It was also suggested that Vaping Issues be added to the list of things YSB is here to help with. Also adding a brief description and/or mission statement of the MYSB will help families understand our role in the community. The Spanish version needs to be checked for language and continuity.

E. Updates & Announcements
   a. Circles at MHS – Justin shared with the Board that MYSB has held several successful restorative circles at MHS recently. One was for a student returning from a 5 day out of school suspension to assist in his reintegration and the other was with a student and teacher that had an altercation. Both were successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by Katie Kesten