

Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth
October 5, 2020
Zoom Meeting
5:30 PM

The Commission serves to enhance and promote the positive development of all children and youth through comprehensive collaborative action. The Commission will utilize all of the community's resources, public and private agencies, businesses, church and civic organizations, to promote the health, safety, education and social well-being of all children and youth.

MINUTES

Present: Jenifer Crawford, John Sanders, Mary Robbins Evans, Sarah Hopkins, Sara Blancke, Erica Smith, Queenie Hall

Absent: Cindy Taubenkimel, Clair Roberts

Staff: Garnet McKeown

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM

Introduction of Dr. David Keely

- Dr. Keely gave an update on Covid statistics for York County. At the end of May, approximately 10 new cases a day were reported. The middle of July saw app. 80 new cases a day but by the end of July into August there were decreasing numbers of app. 30 per day. There has not been a big increase since then...approximately 20 per day. York County numbers are based on DHEC data.
- Continue to wear a mask, wash hands and social distance. Jenifer asked if the precautions are working and David responded yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from May 2020 were approved

Old Business

- Garnet reported that Nami has sent out two different fliers; one on Resilience and one titled, Mental Health Considerations when reopening schools after Covid-19.

New Business

Youth Council Report

- Garnet reported that the Youth Council is still looking for new members. Currently the Council has 3 students from SPSHS, 2 from NWHS, 3 from Westminster High School and none from RHHS.
- The Youth Council is interested in doing a campaign called Courage Over Covid where members of the community would be highlighted such as police officers, sports figures, anyone from the community that children look up to etc... An interview will be conducted and the Youth Council members are looking for a way to show the interviews on the elementary school's tv program. Queenie suggested asking the principals if the interviews

could be shown. Sara suggested Garnet contact Samantha with Adult Enrichment and she may be able to help in some way.

- The YC will be placing luminaries downtown 12/5/2020 during Christmasville. These will be to honor front line workers or in memory of a loved one that has passed away due to Covid.

ACES & Resilience Task Force Report

- No update

Ambassadors' Meeting Report

- No update

Jenifer asked Sarah Hopkins to give an update on what she is doing:

- Sara has been giving training to several groups about grief and loss. She is meeting with groups via zoom and giving teachers a topic each week to discuss with their students. She will be participating in a panel with NAMI titled, "How do you get through the holidays?"
- She is working on a children's video dealing with grief and loss.

Additional Comments

- Keystone and All On Board are working on a program to keep unused medications out of the house.
- From 2017-2019, 1 in 4 youth were using a tobacco product...mostly vaping. More resources are available to help youth stop vaping.
- David Keely mentioned that if they were interested, he would be happy to speak to the Youth Council about vaping.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Garnet McKeown